The Angler's Story

The following verse is by Alexander McLeish, Scottish poet, and brings to mind many fish stories we have heard in the past. Who has not heard enthusiastic fishermen relate on the big one they lost.

(With apologies to those who never tell it)

Some chiel's are steady fishers a' the fishin' season roon',
Although they ne'er may land a troot ava;
They fill their muckle baskets wi' bit smouts as lang's yer thoom,
An' a yellow breistit flook — or maybe twa.
But juist ask them when ye see them hoo they havna got a fish,
An' they'll tell ye wi' a pawky kin' o' hoast—
That the day was rather auld—or the stream was rather cauld,
But, eh, man! sic a muckle brute they lost!

O there's aye that awfu' troot that they lost—
That most tremendous troot that they lost.
Altho' they ne'er had naething.
Juist ye be assured o' a'ething—
It's aye their biggest troot that they've lost!

They'll fish ilk stream for miles aroon' wi' muckle din an' strife,
An' never show the least sign o' distress;
They droon as many worms as would keep a craw for life,
Yet their efforts never meet wi' much success.
But there's aye that auld, auld story that they tell to a' they meet,
An' they tell it wi' a face as lang's a post,
Hoo their rod was bent in twa, and their hooks were stown awa',
By that great an' glorious troot that they lost!

Losh, it maun ha'e been a beauty that they lost—
A most uncommon troot that they lost!
The best in a' the nation
Wad ha'e been their reputation,
Had they caught that fish terrific that they lost!

DRESSED POULTRY

The demand for dressed poultry according to T. A. Benson, Dominion Poultry Branch, has been a little more active during the past week and while storage holdings are still somewhat heavy, the market holds fairly firm. Heavy fowl are scarce, as receipts in this class of poultry are less, probably owing to the better outlook for egg prices.

No one with a decent sense of smell can say that there is no power in the cheap gasoline that is being sold at some service stations now-a-days.

Mrs. Ford Dies At Home In Goderich

Annie E. Douglass, wife of Rev J. E. Ford, veteran United church clergyman, and mother of Mrs. (Rev.) W. J. Scott of Flesherton, died at her home in Goderich on Sunday in her eighty-seventh year, after an illness of nine weeks. Only a few weeks ago she and her husband observed the fifty-fourth anniversary of their marriage.

The late Mrs .Ford was born at Vienna, Norfolk County, daughter of the late Robert and Mrs. Douglas. She was educated in the primary school of her birthplace, and at private school at Windsor, where she met and married her husband, then a young Methodist clergyman, in 1879. A fine Christian character and possessing a kindly disposition, the late Mrs. Ford proved a wonderful helpmate to her husband during his active years as clergyman, they being stationed at Point Edward, Forest, Lucan, Lambeth, Lucknow, Clinton, Parkhill and Goderich, where Mr. Ford retired from the ministry.

Besides her husband, four children survive. They are: Arthur Ford, Managing Editor of the London Free Press; Mrs. R. D. P. Davidson of Belleville, Mrs. W. J. Scott of Flesherton, Mrs. J. H. Robertson of Goderich. Another daughter, Mrs. Arthur Bean, died fourteen years ago.

The funeral is being held this Wednesday at 2 p.m. Service will be held at the family home, and interment made in Maitland Cemetery.

Lightning Fires Barns

A heavy electric storm struck this section on Wednesday morning of last week and two barns were completely demolished when struck by lightning. The barns belonged to Mr. Jas. Irving of the east backline, Artemesia, and A. Hawton of Feversham. Both barns held the entire season's crop with considerable hay and the loss to the owners will be extensive. Five hogs owned by Mr. Bert Porteous of Maxwell were struck by the lightning and killed.

It was reported that a barn owned by Mr. Robt. Gorley of Eugenia was also destroyed in the same storm but Mr. Gorley informs us that the report was exaggerated, as he did not suffer any loss. After the rain storm he burned a large pile of burdocks and this caused considerable smoke, hence the belief of a barn fire.

—HAVE YOU RENEWED?

Prepartions Completed For Plowing Match

The Provincial Plowing Match is coming to Grey County on Tuesday, October 10th. It will continue till Friday, Oct. 13th or four days altogether. Already many preparations are being made.

That Grey County people, who have never had an opportunity of seeing one of these in previous years, may get a greater conception of the immensity of this great event, an attempt to give some information is given in this article.

The Provincial Plowing Match is the World's greatest competition staged for Plowmen by Plowmen. Competitors have been present from the United States and Scotland at previous matches, hence it is International in character.

The objects of the International Plowing Association are:

To advance the interest of agriculture by—

Encouraging its members to give greater attention to thorough cultivation.

Establishing Branch Associations.

Disseminating useful information with regard to fertilization.

Interestng farmers' sons to become expert tillers of the soil, thereby largely increasing the yield and quality of field crops.

Encouraging annual Provincial, County and Township Plowing Matches, and Home Plowing Competitions and awarding premiums.

Holding Farm Machinery Demonstrations in connection with the Annual International Plowing Match.

Encouraging the use of modern types of cultural machines.

The local committees have secured the use of 300 acres to be plowed. This is located on the farms of Messrs. Vernon Barber, Edwin Abra, A. Clarke, Wilfred Squire, H. S. Weaver, W. S. Cole and others. These men will not get one cent for the use of their land. Indeed no person on any committee will receive any pay for services rendered.

One hundred teams of horses are being loaned by farmers for the use of competitors, who live over thirty miles from the site of the plowing match. All competitors are required however, to bring their own plow, whiffletrees, etc. The horses will be billited in nearby farm stables. Forty-two tractors are being arranged for. Tractor plowing will be carried on every day.

The Water and Light Committee must provide such. It requires the installation of a 30 horsepower electric transformer to supply light to the Tented City, and power to operate the large exhibits of farm machinery of every make and description. This alone is worth any farmer's visit.

Fifteen thousand gallons of water are required. At time of writing a 900 gallon per hour pump is in operation testing the well.

The Tented City will be made up of many farm machinery exhibits, dining tents, etc. About 8 acres will be devoted to this alone.

It is anticipated that between 500 and 600 competitors from all over Ontario will be competing daily. Who, never having seen so many at work at one time in one field, can visualize such a wonderful sight?

Thankoffering Service Was Held At Maxwell

The annual Harvest Thankoffering services for the 70th year of St. Mary's church, Maxwell, were held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th, with Rev. G. E. Frierheller, L. Th. Rector of St. George's church, Allandale, officiating as the special preacher. He delivered two fine and appropriate sermons for the occasion, which were much appreciated by all those present. Mr. Fierheller is a former public school teacher at Maxwell having taught there before entering the ministry. The choir under the direction of Mrs. F. J. Seeley, organist, rendered special anthems for the services and the church was nicely decorated with the products of the harvest for the occasion. There was a splendid attendance at each service.

The new "Domestic" grade of pears is defined in the Order-on-Council as "pears which are handpacked, sound and not less than 90 per cent free from worm holes, but may be slightly affected with scab and other minor defects, no culls and properly packed."

"I understand," said the inspector, severely, "that since you joined the force you have neither made a single arrest nor issued a single summons."

"That's right, sir," said the policeman, complacently. "And now what do I get? A pair of white gloves, don't I?"

Late Mark Armstrong

Mr. Mark Armstrong, one of the best citizens Markdale ever had, has gone to his reward. A little over a week ago he was stricken with appendicitis and on Wednesday afternoon of last week was taken to the hospital here for an operation which was performed that night. A small piece of steel was found embedded in the appendix. Mr. Armstrong contracted pneumonia following the operation and he passed away Tuesday morning, September 5th.

The late Mark Armstrong was born here nearly 80 years ago, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Armstrong, pioneer settlers. Before the railway was built to Owen Sound he did considerable teaming to Collingwood, which was then the chief shipping centre. In 1882, in partnership with his brother, the late William Armstrong, he went into the sawmill business here and at Rock Mills. For several years he conducted a veneer factory and during war time his plant was used for the manufacture of shell boxes.

He was a public spirited man and served his fellow citizens in many capacities. For some years he was a member of the Village Council and was Reeve in 1899 and 1900. He was active in the erection of the High School and was the first chairman of the High School Board. About 27 years ago he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and later was made Police Magistrate. He was a consistent and faithful member of Annesley United church and had served in many offices during his life-time.

In 1894 he married Miss Marion Rorke of Heathcote, who passed away in June of this year. Four daughters survive, namely: Mrs. R. D. Allan of Hamilton; Miss Grace of London; Miss Carolyn of Toronto, and Miss Edythe of Port Credit. A son, Flight Lieut. H. M. Armstrong, was killed in the Great War. He is also survived by four sisters and two brothers, Misses Sophia and Nellie is Markdale; Mrs. Gregory in Toronto; Mrs. Nathaniel Campbell in the West; Charles and Herbert in Markdale. Three brothers predeceased him, William, who was killed in the Caledon wreck; Joseph, who died suddenly here a few years ago, and George, who passed away in March last. A sister, Sarah, passed away a number of years ago.—Markdale Standard.

Caught Trout With Hand

Dr. Sinclair, a Toronto fisherman, who was here on Labor Day, was in a fishing party with Guide Rod Durant, when a fine big fish got on the hook and just as it was being landed in the boat it broke away and lay on the top of the water in a state of exhaustion for a second or two, when Dr. Sinclair plunged into the lake, grabbed the fish and tossed it into the boat. This is the first time on record that a fish is reported as having been caught by hand. The truth of the above is vouched for by a number of eye witnesses and Guide Durant.—Meaford Express.

SELECTING VEGETABLES FOR SCHOOL FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

All vegetables to be exhibited should be perfectly fresh, clean, uniform in size and color, free from blemishes of any kind and correctly named.

Beans — Pods of string beans should be tender and brittle. Stringless varieties are preferred. Shell beans must be mature and plump.

Beets — The flesh should be fine grained, tender and of a dark red color free from white lines. Tops should be fine and compact and the beets not over three inches in diameter.

Cabbage — Heads are best exhibited with a few outer leaves left on and the stem cut short. They should be round, flat or pointed according to variety, firm and of good weight.

Carrots — Roots should be free from greening at the crown, straight, smooth, free from side roots, medium in size and of fine texture. The core should be small.

Cauliflower — Heads must be pure white in color, dense and free from leaves or open spaces in the centre.

Celery — Heads must be large with long, firm, thick stalks free from sponginess or stringiness.

Cucumbers — Fruits should be long, straight, smooth, tender, dark green in color, with little seed development.

Corn — Ears should be of medium size, well filled out to the end, the kernels well developed and in the milk stage.

Onions — Bulbs must be well matured, dry, firm in texture, of good weight and have a well ripened neck with the top removed. They should not be peeled but have the dry outer skin left on.

Parsnips — Roots should be broad at the crown gradually tapering to the tip. They should be straight smooth, free from side roots and firm in texture.

Potatoes — Tubers should have form and color typical of the variety. A medium-sized tuber is preferred to a large one. Freedom from disease is extremely important.

Pumpkin — Fruit should be large, closely ribbed, smooth, heavy and mature. Sugar pumpkins are small in size and best exhibited in a separate section.

Winter Squash — Fruit should be large, heavy and firm in texture with thick, deep flesh.

Tomatoes — Fruit should be of medium size, smooth, firm, evenly colored, free from cracks or other defects. Stems should be left on but cut short.

Swede Turnips — Roots should be typical of the variety and smooth. If for export they should be from 4 to 5 inches in diameter and for home consumption from 5 to 6 inches.

Vegetable Marrow — Fruit should be medium in size, oblong, fresh and tender. The rind should be soft enough to admit the thumb nail with slight pressure.

"A good community paper," says the Estevan Mercury, "is not the product of chance. It is the growth of time, brains, energy devotion and, essentially, the loyal support of the community it serves."

HEALTH

by Frederick Tennant M.D.

A HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA

THE TIRED BUSINESS MAN

It is both interesting and amusing to observe the manner in which certain phrases become attached to different groups of people. The adjectives "tired" and "hard-headed" are used to describe the business-man, and, for some reason or other, they are not applied to the farmer or the physician, although either of these might surely claim on occasion, to merit them.

It would not be considered a compliment by a salesman to be described as tired or hard-headed; he, supposedly at least, is a go-getter, or a member of the high-pressure group.

Why then is the business-man tired? To a large extent, it is because he takes himself and his work too seriously, and feelingly that such great responsibility rests on him, he begins to consider that he should be tired. Further, the dull routine of business life and the attention given to detail bring fatigue, which is apt to become the fixed attitude of the business-man towards life.

This state of mind is unhealthy as well as unhappy. The business-man requires a fair and honest understanding of himself and his work in order to secure a better appreciation of actual responsibility and importance. Outside interests will bring him freedom from absorption in himself and his work. The business-man who is able to forget himself in play will not belong to the tired group, and his life will not be entirely devoted to business and its cares.

The harder a man works and the greater his responsibilities, the more surely must he bring play into his life if he is to be healthy and happy. We may smile at the long week-ends and numerous bank holidays of the old country, but they represent a much more sane and healthy life than does our ceaseless rushing hither and thither.

Those who accomplish the most are not those who are always busy; rather they are those who do each day what they have time to do quietly and, in consequence, effectively and efficiently. There is a happy medium between procrastination and the "do-it-now-or-die" attitude. Moderation is essential to health, and this is a point which seems to be unknown to so many who either work or attempt to play in a strenuous manner which is destructive to health and longevity.

Eggs for market should never be exposed to direct sunlight, rain, or to extreme heat. It is a good plan always to keep the eggs covered with a cloth or other means to prevent fading or evaporation. In marketing, or at any other time, eggs should not be placed near kerosene, onions, fish or other strong smelling substances, because the eggs readily absorb odors.

"Will we take $250 for the red bull?"

Young Tom Wilson had a string of cattle at the fair. A buyer took a fancy to the red bull, but Tom was afraid to take the responsibility.

"Why not telephone your father?" the buyer suggested, and in a few moments Tom was speaking with his father at the farm.

"Will we take $250? You bet!" the old man decided, and thanked his stars again for the convenience and value of the Long Distance telephone.

For 30 cents you can telephone about 100 miles by making an "any-one" call (station-to-station) after 8.30 p.m. See list of rates in front of directory.

Bell Telephone Company of Canada — Long Distance is surprisingly inexpensive

THIS WEEK

Real Shoe Bargain

75 Pairs of Ladies' Shoes

75 pairs Ladies' Shoes including straps, ties, pumps and oxfords in patent, calf and kid leathers with low, cuban and spike heels. All up-to-date styles.

All sizes from 3 to 7 are included, but not a full size assortment of every style.

Regular selling price of these shoes range from $2.95 to $3.95. All at one price ..... $1.98.

All Wool Sweaters

All kinds of all-wool sweaters and pull overs for cool weather at new low prices.

Ladies' Fall Millinery

Newest styles on display this week.

F. H. W. HICKLING