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A DRY SUMMER

The Fergus News Record has made the prophecy that a drought is to be experienced in Ontario this Summer and in a lengthy article has a lot of data to support this possibility. Among other things pointed out is the present smallness of all streams, the dryness of swamps, wells ponds, etc., all of which is admitted . Rainfall has been less this spring. Roads are dry earlier than usual, and sizing up the pros and cons, we cannot but admit that the Wellington County paper has some sane arguments to support the theory that 1935 is to be very dry.

Baseball Prospects

A suggestion has been made by the Markdae Standard that the villages in this district organize and place a junior team each in a league to be organized, if possible. The idea should receive plenty of support as there is plenty of baseball talent in Dundalk, Markdale and Flesherton to form first class clubs. Some of the boys in Flesherton each year have tried out with the senior team but hardly measured up to the standard required for competition in the local league. These could be used to advantage in junior ball, where they could receive plenty of practice with boys of their own qualifications and gain the needed experience.

Fesherton baseball enthusiasts have not thought much about baseball this year yet though it is expected that a team will again be fielded as good as the one which carried the Flesherton colours last year. The same team is available with the addition of some of the young fellows growing up and who practised with the seniors last year. There is likely to be a change in the grouping this year, it is exepcted that Thornbury will enter a team and that would allow a north and south grouping if Dundalk and Markdale would enter teams. Neither had much luck last year but with experience should make a good showing. It is likely that baseball will commence to be talked about with the advent of warmer weather.

NOTICE

A meeting of all those interested in cricket in County of Grey will be held at the City Hall, Owen Sound, on Friday evening, 26th of April, at 8 p.m. It there are any who are interested but cannot attend please get in touch with Judge Morley, Court House, Owen Sound.

Train Chases Motorist

A motorist, said to be Isssac Pepernick, of Kitchener, knows what it's like to be chased by a train. He was just about to drive over the C.P.R. crossing on the 11th line to Linwood, on April 1, when he sighted a passenger train. It was almost upon him. Acting intuitively, he pulled his car onto the tracks and turned in the same direction in which the train was going. He kept ahead of the locamotive for about 20 feet when he veered sharply to one side to clear the right of way. The car vaulted into the ditch snapped off a post, cut two wires, knocked off the bumper and smashed the fenders. As he scrambeled out of his wrecked machine, the train went whizzing by, leaving him slightly shaken, somewhat startled and with a conviction that he was decidedly lucky especially on April Fool's day. The driver was a Kitchener traveller who sells suits and dresses.—Milverton Sun.

Dates For Examinations

Following is the time table for the approaching midsummer departmental examinations. These examinations begin about a week earlier than they did last year, and are completed by June 28. Greek and Spanish are written on June 13 and 14 respectively. Other subjects are written from Monday June 17, till Monday, June 24, both days included. The entrance to high school, which last year was written July 3, 4 and 5, this year comes on June 26, 27 and 28. There are no examination fees for either entrance examinations or high school departmentals except for such as are late in making applications to write. Students in both middle and upper schools who obtain 66 per cent. on their year's work in any subject will be granted by the Department of Education a certificate to write on departmental examinations.

Many Attend Funeral Of Late John Wright

The funeral of the late J. Wright, who died at his home in Flesherton on Monday of last week, took place on Wednesday, April 17th. Service was held in St. John's United Church, which was crowded with sympathizing friends of the deceased and of the family. Rev. W. J. Scott, pastor of the church, gave a splendid sermon and spoke very comforting of the life of Mr. Wright and referred to the high regard in which he was held throughout the community. After the religious ceremony at the cemetery the Master of Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, A. F. & A. M. Wor. Bro. Roy Piper, conducted the beautiful Masonic burial service, assisted by a large gathering of the members for the occasion. A number of the members of sister lodges attended.

The honorary pallbearers were the older Past Masters of Prince Arthur Lodge, Geo. Mitchell, F. H. W. Hickling, W. J. Bellamy, Peter Muir, Dr. Ottewell and W. G. Watson, while the active pallbearers were Messrs. W. A. Hawken, F. Pinder, T. J. Fisher, M. Wilson, D. McTavish and J. Dargavel.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brady of Lions Head, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Neilson of Mimico, Mr. Maurice Wright of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMullen of Ceylon, Mr. D. T. Wright of Dundalk, Mrs. G. Beaton of Markdale, Mr. Wilfred Wright of Waterdown, Mrs. Robt. Thompson of Hamilton, Mr. Jos. Forsythe of Stouffville, Dr. and Mrs. C. Sudden of Dundalk, Misses Helen and Mattie Wright of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Henry of Chesley, Mrs. Albert Hopkins of Meaford, Mr. Jim Winters of Dundalk, Mrs. W. H. Wright of Toronto, Mrs. Robt. Wright of Hanover, Mrs. Peppler of Hanover, Mrs. Fred Daniels and Mr. Errol Gaudin of Toronto.

Many beautiful foral offerings of sympathy were presented by friends and relatives, as follows: the family, D. T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. G. Beaton, Thos Henry and sister, Anne June Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Thompson, Mrs. W. H. Wright, Mrs. Robert Wright, Willing workers of Christ, Church of Lions Head, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Henry, Errol nd Jack Gaudin and Mrs. Daniels, Prince Arthur Lodge No. 333, Flesherton, Employees of Toronto Motor Car Co., Flesherton business men, Miss Hazel Shunk, the neighbors, Mrs. McMullen and Mary and Les. Marshall, W. J. Bellamy and Emerson Bellamy Mr. and Mrs. Arch. Neilson.

Fell Down Well

Mrs. Osborne Franks of Springhill had a narrow escape from death when she plunged down a 45 foot well on the farm of W. J. Moore, where she had moved only that day. The boards on the top of the well were rotted and when she stepped on them they gave way and precipitated her to the bottom of the well. Her husband went down the well clinging to the piping to assist her. Owing to the dry season only about three feet of water was in the well or the young lady might have been drownel. Mrs. Franks received a broken arm and a cut on her head that required ten stitches and was otherwise badly bruised. While Mr. Franks was sliding down the pipe a board was displaced from the side of the well which fell and cut his hand severely. Mrs. Franks is a dauhter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Batchelor of Saugeen Jct., and has been married only a few months. She was fortunate to escape with her life in such an accident.

BORN

WEBER — On April 5th, 1935. to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Weber of Kimberley a daughter.

LESSON ONE

The baby pulled brother's hair until he yelled from the pain of it. The mother soothed the weeping boy:

"Of course, she doesn't know how badly it hurts." Then she left the room. She hurried back presently on hearing frantic squalling from baby

"What in the world is the matter with her," she questioned anxiously.

"Nothing 'tall," brother replied contentedly. "Only now she knows."

$500 Minimum Salary For Rural Teachers

Rural school boards must pay their school teachers a minimum annual salary of $500 or forfiet the township grant, an amendment to the School Act, introduced in the Legisiature the other day, declares Hon Harry Nixon, acting minister of Education, introduced the measure which was given first reading. Discussion of the bill will take place at the second reading. It provides that no school section shall receive the grant from the township unless minimum is paid to the teachers.

Artemesia Council

Artemesia Township Council met at the Council Chambers, Flesherton on Monday, the 8th day of April 1935.

There were present, J. A. Davis Reeve, C. D. Meldrum Deputy Reeve and Messrs E. Warling, I. B. Whittaker and Robert Puvis Councillors

The Reeve in the chair, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

An account from the Advance Printing Co. for printing Auditors report was presented for $32.00 and ordered to be paid.

A report from the School attendance Officer for 1934 was placed before the Council and ordered to be filed.

A letter from the County Clerk re policy pursued by the Council as to method of levying County rate was presented and read.

Pay sheet for road work was presented showing expended in Div. 1 $29.23, Div. 2 $25.76, Div. 3 6.30, and payment ordered.

Robert Richardson was refunded $2.98 being business tax charged to tenant of his blacksmith's shop at Vandeleur the tenant having vacated the premises.

The collector was instructed to accept $21.30 taxes on Lot 185 and 186, Con. 3 S.W.T. and S. Road for 1934.

William Walker was paid $1.25 for tongue in road grader.

It was agreed and ordered that nine hours constitute a day's work on roads as Statute Labour.

Direct relief to the extent of $45.-55, was ordered to be paid to parties supplying reilef, to indigent families.

The council adjourned.

A Real Old Relic

On display in the window in Mr. F. W. Duncan's store in town is an old relic of pioneer days of Ontario in the form of a yoke used to keep oxen hitched together while working. Mr. Duncan secured this the other day when at the farm of Mr. Ralph Harbottle at Duncan and had been used many years ago when oxen were beinp extensively used in the absence of horses. Mr. Harbottle thought it had been made by the late Wm. Sloan who was in business at Eugenia at one time. The yoke had been lying around the yard at Mr. Harbottle's farm for some years and was given to Mr. Duncan, who will value it as a real relic of pioneer days of this district.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Graham wish to express their many thanks to the neighbors and others for their good assistance in saving their barn from fire Sunday evening.

Mr. J. J. Little wishes to thank the neighbors and friends for their great kindnsses during the recent bereavement of the family. in the loss of their wife and mother.

Mrs. Chas. Winters and family wish to thank the kind neighbors and friends for their many expressions of sympathy extended during the illness and passing of their husband and father.

Mrs. John Wright and family wish to thank their many friends for their sympathy shown in many ways during their recent bereavement. The many acts of kindness will always be remembered as a ray of sunshine in time of our trouble.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the pupils and people of Portlaw school for flowers and the many acts of kindness and sympathy shówn me in the sudden loss of my dear mother.

—MERVYN LITTLE

Canned potatoes have appeared on the market—what next?

Should Ship Stock To Public Market

The last week and a half before adjournment, the Commons concerned itself with an attempt to prevent the long recess, lasting until the 20th of May, with the Farm Loan Act as amended by the Senate, the lowering of interest charges made by Insurance Companies to 6 per cent., the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Mass Buying and Price Spreads and the deadly combat between the Hon. H. H. Stevens and the Hon. C. H. Cahan.

The report of the Royal Commission on Price Spreads and Mass Buying has at last been tabled. It is a bulky volume of 500 pages. The long recess will provide members with an opportunity of reading it and coming to some definite conclusion regarding its many recommendations.

A large section is devoted to the primary producer. In reading it one hits on sensible bits like this: "unless the primary producer is restored to a position where he has purchasing power commensurate with his importance, there can be no stable basis for prosperity." And later, "the primary producer has borne the brunt of the depression. He was the first and greatest sufferer."

The report goes on to state that it is not that the primary producer has produced too much, nor that his products are not needed, but simply that they cannot be sold at a price sufficiently high to maintain for him a reasonable standard of living nor, paradoxically enough, at a price sufficiently low to permit necessary consumption by all those in need.

Government and educational bodies, had, up to this time, the report says, been assisting the farmer by experimenting in productive methods, rather than the equally important problem of marketing what he produces. Emphasis now might well be placed on the latter.

Speaking of the packing industry, the report states, "Canada Packers Limited is the dominating unit, with a business grea r than the next five packing companies combined. This has almost eliminated competition." The report draws attention to the fact that there was uncontradicted evidence given by a former official of Canada Packers that in Toronto it was the usual custom to arrange with Swifts, before the market opened, as to the prices to be paid for the purchase of livestock.

A half page of the report is devoted to the effect of shipping livestock direct to the packing plant by trucks. When livestock is delivered direct the producer must take the packer's weight on the latter's scales. In the case of hogs, the producer must take the packer's grade also, That is, the producer is shipping livestock direct from the farm to the door of the abattoir is in the hands of the packer as to weights, grades and prices.

Discussing prices, the report states, "The prices paid for livestock shipped direct is said to be the market price. The market price is the price set where there is a competitive market, namely on the public stockyards. The evidence submitted to us showed quite conclusively that the packer, with his large supplies shipped direct frequently abstained from buying when a substantial portion of his demands have already been set by direct shipment and a slow or draggy market results.

"We recommend, therefore, that all shipments of livestock should be made to the public market, where reasonably possible, to give all buyers an opportunity of competing for them and to prevent shipments being used as a club in the hands of the packers to break down prices on the public stockyards."

It was clearly evident in the battle of words between Stevens and Cahan that the sympathy of the majority of the Conservative members was with Stevens.

That Mr. Stevens has captured the popular imagination. there is no doubt. A couple of paragraphs out of his recent speech show clearly how this wonder has been accomplished. "To whom have I been unfair?" said Mr. Stevens. "I think the answer is clear and I should like to review it. I was charged with being unfair to Mr. McLean of Canada Packers; I have been charged with being unfair to Sir Joseph Flavelle and the Robert Simpson Company; I have been charged with being unfair to the T. Eaton Company; to the Imperial Tobacco Company; the National Fish Company and others. Charges have been made that I was unfair and prejudiced to these concerns.

"I now ask the question, Has anyone, during the last fifteen months, five of which I was chairman of the committee, and subsequently a private member of the commission, charged me with being unfair to the workers, to the farmers, to the growers of vegetables and fruits, to the small merchants from one end of Canada to another, or to the cattlemen who appeared before that committee?"

The rich man has few defenders these days.

The Senate amendments to the Farm Loan Act have certainly not improved the measure. The amount which any farmer can borrow is reduced from $7,500 to $5,000. The total loan can now not exceed 50 per cent of the value of the farm and the farms against which Federal loans have been made will be put on a preferred list, which will prevent the municipality selling them out for taxes. It leaves the municipality in a helpless condition.

The last couple of days were devoted, almost wholly, to a discussion of the public works program, with the opposition strong enough to prevent the vote being taken before the recess. One project, the building of a tunnel from Toronto to the island, at a cost of a million dollars, was so strenuously opposed that it is likely to be dropped. Toronto members said a promise had been made regarding this tunnel as early as 1912, but the opposition argued that the million dollars would be better spent on slum clearance in the city of Toronto.

The Prime Minister, much improved in health sails to-day on the liner "Paris" for the Old Country, where he will attend the King's Silver Jubilee.

—AGNES MACPHAIL.

House of Commons, Ottawa,
April 20th, 1935.

Co-Operative Packers Mean Much to Barrie

The value of the First Co-operative Packers of Ontario, Limited, to the town of Barrie, was indicated in a few figures presented by the retail provision merchants of the town by K. N. Morrison, manager of the industry, at a banquet and round-table conference held under the auspices of the company last week.

The firm has 49 employees, 37 of whom are married men wih families; from January 1 to March 26, the payroll to Barrie employees totalled $10,-000. The cash paid to farmers for livestock amounted to $110,000 during that time. And the total payments in wages, livestock and local transportation was more than $126,000.

Thursday Half Holiday

Commencing Thursday May the 2nd, the business places in Flesherton will observe the weekly half holiday during the summer months, when the stores will close at 12 o'clock noon, each Thursday throughout the season. In order to accommodate the buying public more readily the stores wil remain open every Wednesday night throughout the summer, commencing Wednesday night May 1st. It has been the usual custom to take the half holiday until the end of September and an agitation is now on to continue through October, but if this is decided announcement will be made later.

SIGHT NECESSARY

Johnny to Grocer—"Half a stone of potatoes, and mother wants them with plenty of eyes."

Grocer—"What does she want them with eyes for?"

Johnny—"She says they have to see us through next week."

Chas. Winters Dies

After a short illness of two weeks Mr. Charles Winters, an old resident of Osprey township, passed away at his home on the Third Line on Thursday, April 18th, in his 78th year. The funeral took place on Saturday, April 20th when service was held at his late residence at 2 p.m., Rev. Bushell, pastor of Maxwell United Church, conducting the service. Interment was made in Maxwell Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Jack Winters of Collingwood, Jas. Winters, Jack Winters of 3rd line, Thomas Henry, Wm. Winters and Gustie Robinson, Frends and relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crombie of Shelburne, Miss Bertha Winters and Mr. and Mrs. Patterson of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Hopkins of Meaford, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Grummett and daughter of Ottawa, Mrs. Sam Crombie Jr. and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hammond, Mrs. Wm. Hammond, Mrs. Munro, Mr. Norman Stephenson and Miss Ella Wilson, all of Shelburne, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Seeley of Stayner, Jack Winters, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod and sons of Collingwood and Mr. and Mrs. Edwards of Singhampton.

The floral offerings included those from the wife, daughters, son John and wife, grandchildren, D. and Mrs. Ingram, Mr. and Mrs. S. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Winters and sister, Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Ab. Hopkins, Alex McIntrye and sons and the L. O.B.A., Flesherton.

The late Mr. Winters was born on the Third Line of Osprey and resided there continuously. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Winters, pioneers of that district. He was married on December 30th. 1891 to Miss Margaret Harley, who survives him, together with a family of six daughters and one son: Mildred, (Mrs. J. A. Grummett) of Ottawa Mary (Mrs. Telford Allison) of Maxwell, Louie (Mrs. Ed. Cook) of Shelburne, Alice (Mrs. Ken Wright) of Berkeley, Jennie (Mrs. Jas. Stewart) of Flesherton, Isobel (Mrs. Laurie Pedlar) of Flesherton and John M. of Toronto. He is alos survived by four sisters and two brothers: Martha (Mrs. Sam Crombie) of Shelburne Jennie (Mrs. Dave McMorris) of Kamloops, B. C., John of Vermilion, Alta., James of the Third Line, Osprey, Alice (Mrs. Jos. Graham) of Vancouver. B. C., and Bertha of Toronto. One brother and one sister predeceased him.

Deceased was well known in Osprey township and was held in high regard by all who knew him. He farmed on the Third Line on the old homestead all his life and proved to be a splendid neighbor and friend to all who needed him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Maxwell.

DIED

GRAHAM—At his residence at Eugenia on Monday, April 22nd, 1935, Gordon Cardwell Graham, aged 51 years. The funeral, is taking place this Wednesday afternoon with service in Eugenia United Church at 2 o'cock p.m., interment to take place in Flesherton Cemetery.

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