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ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF RAILWAYS

On July 21st, the hundredth anniversary of the opening of the first line of steam railways in Canada was celebrated at St. Johns, Quebec. The line was only sixteen miles long, and was constructed to supplement water transportation on the St. Lawrence and Richelieu Rivers, running from St. Johns to La Prairie, and is now a part of the National system. To commemorate the event, the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec unveiled a monument to the Dominion's first locomotive and coaches, and there was also dedicated a suitable tablet erected by the Historical Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. To illustrate the phenomenal changes that have taken place within the century a replica was shown of the original locomotive, the Dorchester, twenty-one feet long, while by its side was the new Canadian National streamlined locomotive No. 6,400 — ninety feet long. It was pointed out that with the tender this locomotive is longer than the entire train that was "rushed" across the petite pioneer line at the rate of ten miles an hour.

Sometimes people are impatient with the progress that our country has witnessed, but there can be no gainsaying how well we have been served by the iron horse and how much the country is indebted to the men who, in the day of small things, had faith We now have 44,000 miles of railway and in view of the development of competitive agencies unthought of in earlier years, our statesmen may have been a little too optimistic in providing railway lines. Nevertheless, but for the Great War, and the colossal expenditures in its prosecution, with the incidental retardment of the country's development, there is little reason to doubt that there would now have been profitable use for all our means of communication.

It is a good sign that railway managers are not losing heart because of modern road communication, and that they are striving to so improve their lines and popularize their travel and freight traffic as to deserve the best consideration from the public.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There was once an editor of an agricultural page in a Toronto weekly who don't know the difference between wheat and oats—a darned nice chap too.— Windsor Star.

These old-time editors were certainly wonderful in their undertakings. We knew of one—he ran a London Ontario Woman's column for four years as "Aunte Kate" and was never discovered, even when arranging the recipes! But he had a wife who could cook!

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Last week the Dundalk Herald brought to light the action of a person, or persons, dynamiting fish from the waters of the Mad River. This has been the cause of part of the depletion of our waters of fish and is not only confined there but has been done many other places. This year there have not been nearly so many large lsh caught in the Eugenia lake as in former years, and the cause there is said to be low down "sports" netting the fish at the spawning beds in the fall. If these actions continue it will only be a few shrt years until we will have to travel to museums to view speckled trout that were once so abundant in our streams.

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A little piece of Canada lies along an old battle line in France where the Canadian boys won undying fame, at the same time losing thousands of its choice manhood in battle. Vimy Ridge was deeded to Canada in recognition of the great sacrifice made by Canadians at that eventful time. Canada has erected a memorial at the peak of the Ridge that is a credit to our country. This memorial was solemnly dedicated on Sunday by King Edward VIII, while 6,000 pilgrims from Canada stood silently by with the memories of comrades, sons and brothers who lie in Belgium and France, because the memorial is for all Canadians who made the greatest sacrifice of all. Let us not forget the men from Flesherton and vicinity who failed to return from that Great War to end war, and we trust it has, by erecting a cenotaph of our own where coming generations will keep in mind the sacrifice made at that time for us. The torch of sacrifice has been handed to us from falling hands, let us not fail to keep it held on high. The fund for our cenotaph is pitifully small. Will you help us swell the amount.

THE INDISPENSABLE NEWSPAPER

In no country in the world has newspaper development reached such a stage as it has in this country. People are hardly equipped to live in a modern community until they read thoroughly every issue of a good local newspaper. In fact that is the way they conserve their incomes, by learning of good opportunities to buy merchandise. They become familiar with public movements and entertainments, and are able to enjoy many things that they would not hear about until they had happened, if they were not informed by the newspapers. They are thereby able to partake to the full of their community life, where without such a newspaper thoroughly covering their field, they are on one side of the current of its life.

Sir Philip Gibb says: "It is better to give than lend, and it costs about the same." It is the same in many cases.

A young man having booked a passage on the Queen Mary wrote to some friends and stated that he had a lovely cabin only ten minutes from the sea.

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TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF CUT FLOWERS

In keeping the home beautiful, no information is more appreciated than authoritative advice on how to keep cut flowers fresh. With this end in view, the Lethbridge Experimental Station of the Dominion Department of Agriculture has assembled the essential facts of the art, both from their own horticulturists and from other authorities. Most flowers must be cut either early in the morning when the dew is still on them, or in the cool of the evening. Roses, peonies, dahlias, and gladioli respond best when cut in the evening but it is to be remembered that dahlias must be cut in full bloom; iris, poppies and pinks in half bloom, and peonies when they show a good colour. The "tip" about the bloom makes al' the difference.

The method of cutting is also important. Slanting cuts with a sharp knife are best. Shears crush or bruise the stem and thus the free rise of water through the stalks to the leaves and blossoms is impeded. One great advantage of the slanting cut is that the stems are prevented from resting flat on the bottom of the vase and thereby checking the upward flow of water.

After the flowers have been cut, the next thing to do is to immediately soak them for several hours in deep, cool water. Their prolongation of life is helper by quick action the moment they are gathered. Thick-leaved flowers, such as stocks, snapdragons, zinnias, and petuniaa need at least 10 to 12 hours soaking before they are arranged in the vase. In the case of lilacs, spirea, honeysuckle, and other floral decorations of the woody sort, satisfactory results have been obtained by splitting, or pounding and scraping the stems before soaking. However with reference to dipping stem in boiling water before being soaked in cold, there is still some doubt, although on occasions such flowers as poppies, hollyhock. mignonette, and dahlias have benefited by this method.

Nearly everyone knows that cutting the stems of arranged flowers once a day help to prolong their freshness, but in this regard one common mistake is made: the cutting must be done under water. This prevents air bubbles from forming in the stems and preventing the free flow of water. Adding one-quarter to one-half teaspoon of charcoal or permangnate of potash, obtainable from any drug store, prevents the growth of bacteria on the cut end, and the use of one or two drops of creolin or similar disinfectant tends to prolong the life of the flower, but aspirin has not proved effective.

Pansies in particular find it difficult to draw water through their stems, so these flowers, and also nasturtiums, are benefited by being plunged up to their blossoms in cool water from half an hour at eight-hour intervals. Warm and hot draughts cause immediate wilting in cut flowers. dahlias in particular being quickly affected. With regard to containers, one floriculturist has discovered that cut flowers last longer in copper vessels than in any other type of vase.

THIS SHOULD SAVE TIME

One of our town merchants came through with a suggestion recently which could help to improve conditions during the shoping rush on Saturday evenings. During the afternoon. if the people were to phone in their orders, the merchants could go ahead and make up the order and have it ready for the customer when he, or she, called on Saturday night. Thus, although some persons might be late in getting to town, it would ensure prompt service for them, and would not only give the clerks a breather but it would also enable them to give better and quicker service. The question is really a worthwhile one and we hope to hear of more shoppers adopting it. Try it. Mrs Housewife, and see how it works out —Ex.

HAVE YOU ANY VISITORS

Now that the holiday season is here, why not think of your local paper and send it a list of your visitors, or if you are going on a vacation let the local newspaper know of it. These items make interesting reading, particularly for those of our subscribers who live far from Flesherton, and to whom names of present and former residents always recall old associations and help keep up their attachment to the old home community.

REPRIEVED

Jones (meeting friend)—"Why the grin."

Brown—"I've just come from my dentist's."

Jones—"Is that anything to laugh about?"

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Smith and two children and Miss Helen Moffat of Detroit were visitors last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Gibson.

Mrs. Haley and Mr. Ferguson of Toronto spent the first of the week with Mr. Geo. Snell.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Knox and babe of Toronto are visiting the former's mother here.

Mr. Bonar Balfour of St. Catharines accompanied by Miss Dorothy Smith, R.N., of New York were visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Cairns and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collinson and family.

Visitors last week with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns and Mrs. Wilcock were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilcock and family and Mrs. Naeser of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Weir of Nottawasaga and Miss Bessie Cairns of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gibson of Cobourg, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Winters and babe of Toronto spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. John Gibson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradbeer of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Snell of Mt. Forest were week end visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snell.

Mr. Thos. Fletcher of Toronto is visiting relatives here.

Miss Millie Whittaker of Toronto is holidaying at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathewson have returned home after visiting with Vandeleur friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huston and family of Oshawa were week end visitors at the home of Peter Muir.

Week end visitors with Mrs. Spicer were Mrs. Stewart of Mt. Forest, Miss Muriel Spicer and Mr. Jas. Ellison of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sinclair, Miss Margaret Sinclair and Miss Ruth Coombes and Mrs. J. Knox motored to Belfountain on Sunday.

Mrs. Terry of Toronto visited her sister, Mrs. Snowden McLeod, last week.

Mrs. Archie Stewart and family motored to Harriston last week end. Miss Catharine remained for a visit.

Messrs. A. and W. MacGuire, Mrs. Fred Dunn and daughter, Hilda, all of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. L. Torry and Mr. Jack Torry and bride of Lauriston were visitors the first of the week with Mrs. H. Piper.

Misses Marion and Margaret Collinson are holidaying at Sauble Beach with their cousin, Miss Mary Coleman, of London. Miss Jean Collinson returned from the Beach Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rutledge and family of Holland Centre visited Mr. and Mrs. F. Marshall on Sunday.

Master Harold Tracey and brother, Billy, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. Gibson, left on Sunday for Detroit for a short visit.

Mr. F. H. Chislett has returned to his home in Stratford after spending some months with his sister, Mrs. Anna McMillan.

Visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLeod were: Dr. Pattison and Mr. Snowden McLeod of Toronto over the week end.

Mr. Jas. Pattison and son, Will, of Toronto were callers on Mrs. Pattison and Mrs. Gordon Stuart on Tuesday.

Mrs. Geo. McAllister and babe of Montreal are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John D. McLeod.

We Thank You

We, the undersigned, wish to use this space this week to thank the people of Flesherton and vicinity for the splendid response and patronage given to the new watch and jewellery repair office in the Munshaw block.

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