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Drift to the Cities.

The announcement based upon the census, that the drift of population from the country to the cities is not surprising to those who have been observant, yet it indicates a state of affairs which might well cause wonderment. Logically, the drift should be in the other direction, since for many years the resources of inventive and administrative ingenuity have been drawn upon for the benefit of the rural rather than of the urban dweller. The lighting of rural roads by electricity, the linking of farmhouses with each other and with all the community by telephones, the extension of trolley lines through farming districts, the establishment of rural free delivery of mails, the application of steam, gasoline and electric power to farm work and rural transportation and many other achievements have all tended to free rural life of its hardships and discomforts and to make it more attractive. Really, far more has thus been done for the country than for the city. That under these circumstances people should desert the country for the city is a strange thing which deserves careful thought and investigation.

A Good Law.

With the first of the month there came into effect in New York state a law which forbids all display of aigrettes or the wings or bodies of birds. This statute is founded on the knowledge that the use of such articles of adornment meant ruthless slaughter of birds which are of the highest value to humanity. In the matter of aigrettes there is a special appeal to the better impulses of the people, particularly the ladies. Aigrettes are made of the plumes of the heron, and are found in perfection on the female bird alone at the time she is caring for her young. Thousands of mother-herons have been killed simply to obtain the plumes, and thousands of young birds, thus deprived of maternal care, have been left to die miserably by starvation. As to the wings and bodies used for decorating ladies' bonnets, it is indisputable that they represent a dreadfully war upon the feathered creatures, many of which are delightful songsters and most of which do valuable service in devouring insects which destroy fruit, grain and shade trees. From any point of view, it is desirable to protect the birds, and the laws framed with that end in mind should be complied with readily and cheerfully.

A Public Nuisance.

Noxious weeds have come to be a public nuisance. The loss they inflict annually is simply incalculable. Roadsides that once were beautiful green swathes are now inflicted with every foul weed known to botany. Canadian thistle, ragweed, mulleins, burrs, wild morning glory, to mention no others, grow in destructive profusion nearly everywhere.

Within an hour's ride of Markdale fields are standing with sow-thistle, both annual and perennial. Scarcely a farm in older Ontario is clear of twich grass, while fox tail and shepherd's purse and wild chickory are so common that their presence is rarely commented upon. Wheat or oats do not grow on thistle stalks while where weeds hold carnival light crops of grain are inevitable. No farmer can grow weeds and do much else.

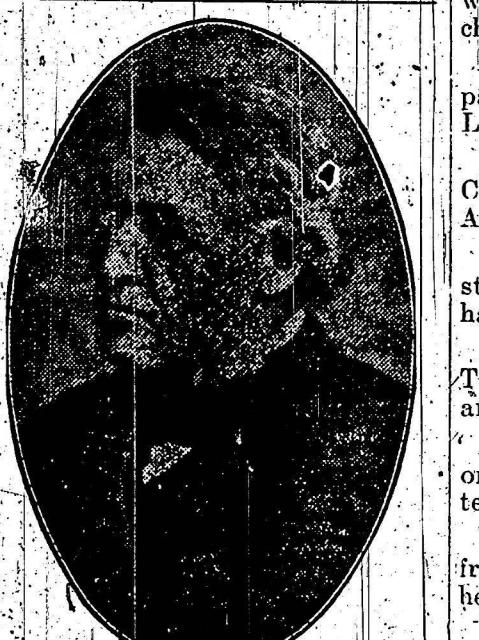
The pitiful feature of the situation is that those who have authority to move in the matter are doing little or nothing to relieve the country of this menace. Provision is made for the destruction of weeds, but no serious effort is being made to have the law enforced. There are many farmers who do their duty in keeping their own premises clean, but there's enough careless agriculturists who allow their fields to corrupt the whole community. It is the careless or selfish land owner who must be seen after.

If local officers for any reason prove themselves inefficient in these matters and that such is the case prove abundantly—it becomes the duty of the province to appoint competent inspectors and to charge the maintenance of such officers upon the neglectful municipalities it might stiffen up the vertebral of the pathmaster to be made aware that unless they get

the weeds in their jurisdiction destroyed, they will pay the penalty for their failure by imprisonment. Our provincial police might have a less important duty assigned to them than looking after this important matter.

Canada's Grand Old Man

It takes a big man to command interest from the whole nation fifteen years after retiring from active political life. That is Sir Charles Tupper's record. Although he now spends most of his time in England, no one follows the trend of political affairs in Canada with a keener eye. At ninety years of age his occasional contributions to the press show the same fire which enlivened politics in the early nineties. "Age dimmed," as one lately discovered



SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

when the doughty Knight corrected the Finance Minister's memory on several points.

Recently an event of special interest took place in London when a tablet was unveiled to commemorate where the articles of Confederation were drawn up. It was Sir Charles Tupper's day. The gallant old man with his unabated willingness to take any adversary spoke vigorously, and well. He is the last survivor of the Fifteen of Confederation. It was a great thing to see him standing there and to hear him speak. Sir Wilfred Laurier's tribute address ed to him of "Well done, good and faithful servant" was hailed as one of the Canadian Premier's happy inspirations. He had said the right thing at the right time.

KIMBERLEY.**Cool weather.**

Haying is now a thing of the past for this season and the fall wheat is all cut, some of which is harvested.

Mr. Ernest Neely, of Meaford, spent Saturday evening and Sunday the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. A. Holley.

The Misses Martha and Lena Wright, of Detroit, Mich., visited friends here during the past week, and were the guests of the Misses Stafford.

Miss May Hutchinson, who has been attending Collegiate Institute in West Toronto, is holidaying at her parental home here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Corbett, of Dundalk, visited at the latter's parental home here recently.

Miss Clinton, of Flesherton, accompanied by her friend, Miss Foster, of Midland, were the guests of Mrs. Thos. Lewis recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Winkins, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Wickins, of Flesherton, visited here last week.

The Misses Dell Smith and Viola Smith visited Maxwell friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boland, of Vandeleur, spent Sunday last the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holley.

The local branch of the O.W.I. will hold a social evening at the home of Mrs. A.E. Myles on Thursday, the 27th inst. The members of the Rocklyn Branch will be the guests of the evening. Members of local branch are requested to bring baskets. Come and have a good time.

PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH

We heard on the street the other day of a man who claimed he was too poor to take his home paper, but all the same he read a notice in one of our county papers telling how to prevent a horse from slobbering, and sent \$1.50 for the receipt. When the \$1.50 worth of information came it said: "Teach your horse how to spit." —Spencer (Oregon) Journal.

At Bluevale, Ont., Mrs. Jos. Warwick tried to cut her throat with a razor. She will recover.

Eight freight cars were derailed and badly smashed in a wreck at Cayuga. One man was injured slightly.

A good representation of the Methodist League attended a League Rally at Wesley Church, Meaford Road, last week, which was reported very successful. Five Leagues were represented and the will sail for Canada this week.

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Dr. Martin, of Dundalk, was in town on Monday.

Miss Ethel Trimble is home from Owen Sound on holidays.

Mrs. Jos. Blackburn spent part of last week with friends in the city.

Mr. W. J. Meads and Mr. Vause left on Tuesday on a trip to the West.

Miss Gladys Cornfield has gone to visit friends at Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. Roy Kerr is on a holiday with friends at Toronto and Rochester.

Mrs. Richard Bentham spent the past two weeks with friends at Lions Head.

Little Miss Eleanor Thurston, of Chicago, is visiting her uncle, the Advance editor.

Misses Lillian and Laura Armstrong are visiting friends at Durham this week.

Miss Hattie Cole is home from Toronto visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Cole.

Mrs. M. Vasey, of Rochester, is on an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Jos. Clinton.

Miss Annie Howard is home from Toronto on a holiday with her mother and brother.

Mr. Jos. Mueller, of Montclair, N.J., has joined his family here for a couple of weeks holidays.

Mr. R. H. Wright has returned from Alberta to operate his threshing outfit for the season.

Dr. Price, of Toronto, came up for a day's fishing on Saturday and visited his friend, Dr. Murray.

Miss May Jamieson, nurse in training at Montclair, N.J., was home on a holiday with her mother.

Miss Katie and Evelina Cook spent last week with their sister, Mrs. W. J. McFadden, of Greentown.

Mrs. McDougal, of Bay City, Mich., lately enjoyed a week with her sister, Mrs. D. Sweeny.

Mr. W. Smyth, who has lived with the latter since the loss of her home, accompanied her back.

Mr. T. E. Blair invested in a fine range recently, so as to be able to feed the big crowd when that mammoth barn is raised.

Mrs. Webb, of Uxbridge, paid her sister, Mrs. A.S. VanDusen, a short visit last week on her way to the Coast.

Miss May McGee, of Toronto, and Miss Eva Baron, of Kerwin, Kansas, visited the past few weeks at Mr. J. A. Cornfield's.

Mrs. Archie Sinclair returned to Teeswater on Saturday after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hales.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston and little daughter, Eva, of Dundalk, visited a couple of days last week at Dr. Murray's.

Mrs. Milligan and daughters leave this week for their new home in the West. Mrs. Milligan has sold her residence here to Miss Bessie Wood.

Dundalk and Flesherton baseball teams played an interesting match here on Friday evening, resulting in a score of 16 to 13 in favor of the home team.

Misses Martha and Lena Wright, of Detroit, arrived on Thursday last to holiday for a few weeks among their old friends in this place and vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Tate has returned to her home at Lucknow, after a visit with her parents here, and was accompanied by her sister, Miss Maud Richardson, who will make her a visit.

Dr. R. H. Henderson, of Toronto, spent Sunday here and was accompanied home on Monday by his wife and little son, who spent three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn.

Mrs. Mark Armstrong, Mrs. W. A. Armstrong and Mrs. C.E. Armstrong, of Markdale, visited Mrs. W. A. Armstrong here on Friday last, and your Cor. was pleased to receive a call from the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley McTavish and Mr. Fred McTavish are home from Toronto on a holiday and accompanied by Mr. Atchison and Mrs. Atchison are camping at Eugenia with the friends from here.

Rev. L. W. Thom is on a holiday and spending a few days among his numerous old friends here. In the absence of Mr. Matheson of Princeville, on holidays, Mr. Thom will supply his pulpite the next two Sabbaths.

Twenty-five members of the Women's Institute here paid the Vandeleur branch a fraternal visit on Thursday last and report a very enjoyable outing and visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Boland, where the large gathering took place.

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church was filled to the doors. An interesting address was given by Mrs. (Rev.) Krieger, Missionary in South America, who is home on a visit.

Dingwall-Carson. A quiet marriage was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday, July 19th, when Rev. H. E. Wellwood joined in wedlock Miss May Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Carson, near Saugan Junction, to Mr. William Dingwall, a prosperous young farmer of Portion. Many friends wish the young couple happiness and continued prosperity.

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