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EDITORIAL

A trip taken from Chatsworth to Wiarton a week ago, showed the crops to be fairly good, in spite of the cold weather, which at time of writing seems to be moderating. The occasional rains have saved the sitwhat conditions might have been without them; and yet that very lack happens frequently in some of the great countries of the world, notably China, Russia, India. The most pathetie song we have heard is a weird and lonely Hindu melody called "When the rain did not come to the

We found two reflections filtering through our mind as the car sped

In the first place, along with everyone else who can remember even twenty years ago, we cannot but marvel at the change in our climate, and a series of wonderings about it came up in the quiet of the car-ride -wonderings whether the change k permanent, at least for another cycle and whether it has been caused by some change in the conformation of the earth, or by some deeper mystery in the solar system that has not yet been probed. Of course there have been theories, the most plausible of which is that the Gulf Stream has changed its course. We have seen no scientific confirmation of this, but certain changes have been recorded From a letter received from London England, we quote: "They find the ocean's bed is changing. Twenty-five Toars ago, when the cable was laid. a short distance out from England the fathoming showed a depth of three miles down to the bottom o the ocean. A short time ago, in the same spot it was found to be only three-quarters of a mile down. And the distance between here and New York' changes many times a year,

At all events, a goodly number o us remember when there was a general shifting out of cookstoves and off of heavy underwear on the first of May; when fires were "out" all summer except about meal timesand plenty of firewood everywhere "dirt cheap", at that; when no one ever thought of buying a summer overcoat; and when flies arrived in legions about the first of June. Gardens were sown about the tenth of May, and there was no worry about frost except around the traditional tenth of June, when the winter usually reached back to take a parting nip. The only consolation sis that our winters are less severe.-Which makes us wonder about the Gulf Stream. If it has shifted enough to make it colder here in summer, why are our winters not colder too?-Give it up!

In the meantime the only thing we can do is to adapt our ways to the new order; and hope that the necessity will never arrive for farmers to have to tie hay and grain to posts to get it dried out, as has to be done in some of the northern parts of Norway, so cold and damp are the summers. 'Needless to say, the farms there are very small.

The second reflection meandered about the amazingly constant use of the faculty of judgment that farmers are compelled to adopt. Psychologists point out that it is a splendid thing to cultivate that faculy, so that an intuition for quick and sure decisions may be developed. They say too, that the practice cannot begin too soon, and that parents who do all the deciding for their children make a great mistake. The all-theway alive farmer, then, can have no grouch coming that his education on that score has been neglected. "To sow, or not to sow? That is the question."-to parody Hamlet's soliloguy. To reap, or not to reap? To sell, or not to sell? To wait, or not to wait? What to sow, and where? -A thousand such questions arise in the course of every season, to challenge the judgment of the tiller of the soil and stock-man,—so dependent is he on the weather and the

ed, he has to fall back on the old

markets ... Perhaps in the last analy-

sis. so far as the weather is concern-

virtues of faith and patience. The

ing at all is the best way on earth to

Here and There

Completing her 28,000-mile cruise

around the world in the course of

27 ports. Canadian Pacific flagship

Empress of Australia docked at

New York April 12, from which

port she sailed December 2 last.

including prominent society and

banking leaders of Montreal, Tor-

onto and other Canadian and United

Winnipeg.—Over a thousand new

homesteads have been filed in the

four western provinces during the

month of January and February

this year, being 1,036 as compared with 629 for the same two months'

period of last year. By provinces,

lanitoba reports 74 homestead en-

tries as against 71 last year, Sas-

katchewan 430 as against 336, Al-

berta 502 as against 213, and Brit

Raymond.—According to a cable

from London, England, discoveries

dian beet sugar industry have been

made at Oxford. A means has been

the year, and it is even believed that a method of treating the re-

sulting effluent in such a way as

to free it from poison has also come to light. The discoveries are

a result of four years' research

Vancouver.—I am satisfied with

the progress of Canadian products

in the Chinese trade field and pros-

pects for the increase of trade are

extremely good," Col. Moore Cos-

grave, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner to China, said here

on his arrival from the Orient.

"Canadian products of all kinds and

especially those from British Col-

in China now. There is no real boycott against Canadian goods; the

and knows where to place his or-

headquarters that a "Remembran

· Tour" is being organized for the

coming summer for ex-soldiers,

their relations and friends to visit

Flanders during the Great War.

The tour will leave Montreal July

13 next, on board Canadian Pacific

liner "Duchess of Bedford", one of

the new cabin class steamships

which will be placed by the com-

pany on the St. Lawrence route this year.

A nineteen-year-old youth, Arthur

Cleland Lloyd, of Vancouver, was

the winner of the \$1,000 prize for

orchestral suite composed for the

Musical Festival to be held at Que-

hec May 24-28. Three other prizes

were rewarded and a further \$1,009

for a cantata will be given later.

The prizes, which totalled \$3,300,

were the gift of E. W. Beatty, chair-

man and president of the Canadian

Pacific Railway. The contest was

open to all the world and composi-

tions were received from Great

Britain, France, Hungary, Denmark

and the United States as well as

Ottawa may conceivably be se-lected for a future meeting of the

Council of the League of Nations

and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King

attend the next assembly of the

League in appreciation of the honor

paid Canada by her election to the

council of the 14 leading powers of

the League, of Nations, was the

statement of Sir Herbert Ames, for

seven years financial director of

the Secretariat of the League, when

interviewed on the Windsor street

C. P. R. station here recently.

Prime Minister of Canada, show

the scenes of battles in France and

umbia are being very well received

Chinese merchant knows his prices

Announcement has been made

allow the manufacture of sugar to be continued throughout

ish Columbia 30 against 9.

thus

was carrying 320 passengers,

which she visited 18 countries and

The Old Parsonage

markets have at least the latent poss ibility of being another story; for everywhere, nowadays, the farmers Last night I dropped in to have are making tentative efforts to se- talk with two very interesting people cure more sure and stable methods of among the older residents of our handling their own commodities and village—Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Merriam. their own business generally. Farm- I am sure they will not mind my ers in Canada will watch with inerest the career of the McNary- so much like one big family, com-Haugen Farm Relief Bill on the other pared with those in the city, where and men more than "half shot,, side of the Line. The "Farmer's one may not know one's next door neighbor, even by name. Sun," by the way, is not at all sure Of course I was on a quest fo

that the Bill, should it pass, will village history, and assuredly I had gone to the right place to get it, for is now the quiet and orderly village bring about all that its sponsors claim for it, looking upon it as "purvery clearly, very far back times ely a makeshift expedient based upon indeed. unsound economic theories and hold-

ing out no promise of permanent relief." The "Sun" holds that Ameri-Mr. Churchill being the last minleter can and Canadian agriculture can be who lived in the Old Parsonage. Mr. uation. One hates even to imagine best helped "by a gradual reduction Ferrier, Mr. Scott (who stayed only of the tariff on imported goods rather a year), and Mr. Power followed him. Also, it appears that the Mcthan by raising the tariff on agri-Nabb family lived for some time in cultural products, or bolstering up the house now occupied by Mr. E. the position of the farmer by other McConvey, which was built by a Mr. VanDusen, who kept store here at However that may be; the fact one time.

> an old building in the rear of Mr. effort that fails is seldom lost. Out Bye's home, which has been leaning of it is likely to grow something towards the south for some time, and practically satisfactory. To do noth- was torn down last week. Villagers will remember it if I mention the 'fancywork" along the top. My mother had told me that the buildng was at one time a photograper's walk near the house now owned by

A. M. W. gallery, and stood close to the side-Mrs. Sherry; the photograper who owned it being "Dave" Cardwell, son of the old postmaster, Mr. Henry Cardwell. Mr. and Mrs. Merriam remembered all this, and told of some photographs still in their house which were "taken" by Mr. Cardwell jr.

The flood-gates of memory were now open, and the "corner" about the old gallery came again into being, with the people who lived there long ago. It swung about three centres, the post-office, in the house where Mr. and Mrs. Bye now live, and the church and foundry across the way. The post-office was then a white rough-cast building, with two doors in the front, the one in the north-west corner opening into the ost-office. Mr. Cardwell, the posthad come out from England and to send a favorite recipe. founded a home in the little village n the wilderness. The white building was not the first to be used as a nost-office-that will be a story for another time; but in its day it wa remarkable for the clock-like precision with which it opened and closed. "I remember crossing the street this iron rule, especially to the men manage to reach the office in time and the order came that the place was to be kept open until seven

Those who were present at a local history meeting held in the house of Dr. McCullough about two years ago, will remember the beautiful writing. clear as copper-print, that appeared on some of the old village documents which were, unfortunately, destroyed in the fire that burned the house of Mr. George Collins last fall. This writing was the handiwork of Postmaster Cardwell, who used to do a acter, in his way, was he, and at least puritanical tone of his mind. When into shape, pass a rather cool iron the village was old enough to feel over them. the need for a town hall, he donated a lot as a building site, but on one condition only: that the building about 10 minutes in a bath made by must never be used for any gathering at which dancing, card-playing ammonia to 4 pints warm water. or drinking was a part. In short it There are also foot soaps sold for purposes, and to such amusements and have a tendency to scald, add to as were considered healthful and the above foot bath a little powder

The conditions were accepted and specified in the deed, and the building-a frame one-was put up, a in the stockings is also helpful. little south of the place where Mr. Arthur Curtis's house now stands and considerably back from the street, but without a fence-probab- two coats of enamel, allowing the largely taken away from the section, ly to give ample room for the arguing first coat to dry thoroughly before and the cost of carrying on the crowds that used to gather, in the applying the second. old days, about the hustings. Many of us remember this hall. In fact the first regular Women's Institute meeting in the vicinity was held in it. My sister and I were there, and remember the programme. Harry Collins gave a talk on "Bacteria," Mrs. Jno. Baird one on Istitute matters. It was her first attempt, and I can see yet her trembling fingers, and face rather pale because of the unwonted effort. It was not very long afterwards until she made the

ractise does. -But to go back: The scenes in and about the town hall, in the very old ime, was not always one of peace

centre of the district in the old wild days that followed on the launching of the "Dunkin Act" agitation-one of the first efforts of temperance

folk in Ontario to get rid of the liquor traffic. Mr. Merriam remempers very well that when meetings were to take place, loads of riotous 'antis" used to come out from Owen Sound to join the birds of similar feather in "Johntown", as Chatsworth was then called, and then and to behave". . there ensued noisy doings about the hall with "the hottle" in circulation. ready to argue or fight as the oppor tunity offered. Upon some occasions

But there was the other side, too, the old hall was surely Janus-In the first place, Mrs. Merriam faced. Mrs. Merriam told of concerts around: "Fortunately it is becoming moving responsibility: the tendency especial, one of the first tea-meetings. when refreshments were handed a bout in paper bags, a bag, for each. "There was lots to eat," she added That evening "Joe" Doble and Manchester Merriam gave a dialogue, and to the job and help to run this will be lowered if they get a dollar John Cameron (son of Rev. James country, Cameron), who was then a lad of

trying to do something. Even an out something about the vicinity of by Doctor MacGregor, who made a telligent, loyal, and broad-minded. speech. At that time it was believed and the State has a right to our that coal oil was about to be found taxes for that purpose. in great quantities at Shallow Lake. and he foretold a time in the early future when it would be piped to Township School Boards. The Gov-Owen Sound, "worth a dollar a drop" -no doubt figuratively speaking. Mrs. Merriam, who was then a quite This help should be given. young girl, remembers thinking that

> lamps would be rather expensive luxuries. It would be interesting, to myself time to stop.

By the way, a sister of mine me. "It's about belling the cat," she said. "What about it catching

mouse?" cat is, mice scent a natural enemy, that counts.

letter for this week's "Armchair"? high brow, or anything like that .-Just a cozy, homey letter, such as

> Sincerely yours. A. M. W.

SOMETHING TO EAT

Canada Cake gether the butter and sugar, next jects necessary to a full life. no matter how fast they "hopped to in moderate oven, split and fill; ice coming in contact with one Board it" across the street, that a petition when cold. Makes a good nut cake only instead of with a great many as by adding % cup chopped nuts, using at present. brown sugar instead of white, and putting a caramel nut icing, or clock, a rule that holds to this day. brown sugar icing on top.

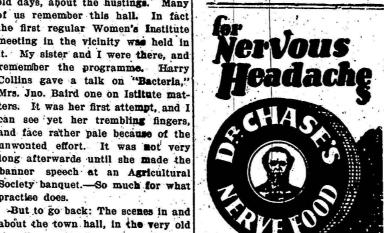
> Oat Cakes soda level) dissolved in 1/2 cup luke-

> > USEFUL HINTS

To Wash Silk Hose Wash in water that is just warm for an hour, rub lightly between the hands, rinse in cold soft water, roll one story of him tells of the sturdy, in, a cloth, and then, after pulling

For Tired Feet When feet ache, soak them for adding a dessertspoon of household alum and 2 parts powdered boric acid. Boracic acid powder springled

Re-Painting a Bed Scrub an iron bed well with ho water and washing soda, then give



tion Meets in Chatsworth Continued from page one

an old Professor who asked a boy Board The boy replied "To learn". "But",

That answer was exactly right. miss that lesson. Some time ago Mr. "Morris sent the disturbance was so great that

terested in politics. One man wrote, vision made for going back. We 'Unfortunately' it is becoming im- should think well before we make a possible for an honest man to be a change. ... Mr. Abra dwelt upon politician." Mr. Morris turned that the inadvisability of the State's reimportant for an honest man to be to be citizens if they are not interest- ing the strenuous conditions of the whatever party you like, but get on optimistic. The standard of trustees People should have no use for

about fourteen, recited Longfellow's that which is merely selfish. The "Excelsior!" The more substantial great purpose of education should, part of the programme was supplied be to make boys and girls more in-. In closing, the speaker mentioned

the much-discussed question of erument is asking us to help in the decision as to what is best to do.

The next-part of the programme consisted of a debate, "Resolved that the Township School Board System is better than the trustee system at least, to keep right on; but it is now in use", the affirmative being taken by Miss Lawson and Mr. Cook of St. Vincent township, and the phoned me that she had a joke on negative by Mrs. Israel McInnis and Mr. Abra of Derby.

The debate proved to be very closely contested, the affirmative Well, she will probably have a joke holding forth that by the Township on me some day soon,-but not this Board system the schools must be time. The point is that wherever a better equipped, better staffed, more economically maintained, since very and leave for safer pastures. It's small schools would be closed. By not the number of mice a cat kills it taxes would be equalized all over each area, instead of varying greatly Why hasn't someone written a cozy from section to section as at present. Also provision would be made for medical and dental inspection; for the teaching of agriculture, manual training, domestic science and music. greater rarity then than now), who you would write to "ain folk",—even Special :teachers would 'go from school to school, and part time courses provided for pupils who could not take full ones. The people would still have individual control of their schools, only the interest would extend from the single school to all the schools in the township In making any cake best results Under the present system the teacher are obtained by first creaming to- has not time to teach all the subbeating in the egg, then the milk, Township School Board, with its o'clock," said Mrs. Merriam, "and then the flour sifted with the bak- financial backing, could provide for before I could get there the key was ing powder. Canada Cake is made high schools and special courses; turned in the door-I could not get with the following ingredients: One could also distribute the teachers to my mail." . So very inconvenient was tablespoon butter; 1 cup sugar; 2 better advantage, having looked into eggs; 1/2 cup milk; 11/2 cups flour both the requirements of the sections at the foundry who could seldom sifted with 11/2 teaspoons baking and the records of the teachers. Innowder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Bake spectors, too, could do better work,

Schools would be built where they would serve the largest possible area and according to a standardized plan. Trustees would be elected by 2 1/2 cups flour; 2 1/2 cups oatmeal; ballot, ensuring the best man for the 1 cup sugar; 1 cup butter; 1 teaspoon place. With conditions improved, the tendency would be for teachers warm water. Roll rather thick, cut to stay longer in their schools, inin squares, springle sugar over the stead of always changing about. top, and bake in a rather brisk oven. Also salaries would be more nearly equal. The young people, on the other hand, would become interested at home, and the trend citywards great deal of such work, drawing Make a lather, but do not rub soap old system trustees could shirk their up wills, deeds, etc. He was often into the stockings. Let soak in this duties; under the new it, would be compulsory to have regular meetings with the Inspector there. Trustees would be retained on their merit, or dismissed if advisable.

Among the negative arguments were: That the Township School Board is not the remedy for existent defects, is not a success in places where it has been tested, and that it will prove expensive, necessitating was to be dedicated to all uplifting the purpose. If the feet are damp a raise in taxes. It was maintained that under the present system, even with its admitted faults, the rural made by mixing 1 part pulverized schools have been turning out just as good students as those in urban centres, often better. Under the present system the trusteeship offers valuable training to a great many men. Under the proposed system the sense of responsibility would be school business would be greatly increased. It would be possible to close any small school and arrange for transportation to a larger, until the local conditions warranted reopening the school. Mrs. McInnis considered that the homes, the Department of Agriculture and the Women's Institutes are giving all necessary instruction in agriculture, domectic science, sewing, carpentry, and home nursing. It would be a mistake to pattern rural schools on city schools. The names of great men show that the little red schoolhouse has not fallen down in its work. The Rural High School, on the other hand, would be of little use unless it were possible to put one each section; one might as well

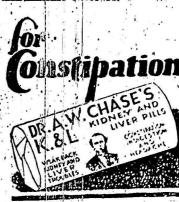
ate Institute eleswhere if one has to the very small school. It would be pay their board anyway, although it found that section 74 of the Public might do very well in Denmark, School Act gives machinery to do the where the average farm is four acres very thing the new idea suggests. We should all be "citizens of the and the families are "reckless" in but is rusting out for want of use. world". There was a story told of number. The Township School Is it fair, where schools are in good promises liberal grants, shape, for the men who have paid to

very much for the section's share, and help but those who haven't? Let said the Professor, "What do you but 25, per cent on a million dollars us remember the fable of the dog learn?" And the reply was "How would be a lot to farmers, Farmers with the meat, who let it fall to have been called stingy. If some of snatch at the shadow in the water. them were not stingy they would be The important thing is to learn how extinct. The new system has been Rich; M. W. Squire, Kilsyth, and to behave among other people, in the tried in some of the Western States, Mr. Morrison Public School Inspect- .. community, in the world. Many where people are being driven off or, Meafird had a difficult task in their farms by high taxes. If we deciding the winners in the debate once launch upon the Township but finally gave decision in favor of mob law was actually known in what out a questionaire about being in- School Board plan, there is no pro. the affire at we by one point

> of which is to lower citizenship, depolitician". People are not worthy velop the irresponsible citizen. Dured in government. Politics is the last ten years the farming people. science of government. "Belong to have stood the test and come out for everything they do. Mr. Abra considered that, taken on the whole, it would cost three times as much to run a school under the new sys

and serentty. It became a storm Grey Educational Associa- send children to a first class Collegi- tem. Reference had been made to What do you go to school for?" Twenty-five per cent does not seem have then so to have to turn around

The indress Mr. Carson, Cape



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Markdale vs Flesherton at 1 p.m. MIXED AND LADIES SOFTBALL Following are games of Centre Grev Softball League:

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Anglican Church Notes Rector, Rev. J. Graham, B.A. L.Th

Shoday, June 24th 1925 10 00 a n. 11.66 School St. Pair Sch

Sunny Valley

Mr. and, Mr. 15 family of Solvers with the greens, to be Week that was to Million of U.S. A. . Mr and Mr. G. chent Sanday was " Cooky

Last Wednesday ayes the Valley friends cathetest home of Mr. and Mrs. Ther it.) honour of Miss Margaries Ell. evening was spent in read dancing. At luncheon hour friends gathered in the parlor wh Miss Ellfott was present 1 beautiful clock and silvery ream to sugar bowl and tray. Mics Myth Hill read the address and Miss Cher. Byers made the presentation, AM Elliott, with a few words, thanked her many friends for their kindness Lunch was then served, the remain-

der of the evening being spent in