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LETTER NO. 4

Dear Sir: I have always felt that the "Weeklies" of this country are a far more influential and important secinto the homes of their readers in- Henry's "General Boston". Bulls, timate local news that has a direct Dr. Sproule's "Duke of Cleveland" interest and their influence is ac- R. Watson's "Star of the North"; J. cordingly great. That is one reason H. Anderson's "Durham Duke" weekly newspapers to travel across the country once a year to meet in convention and exchange ideas on public questions. I believe it highly desirable that your membership should visit various parts of the country from year to year, and thus become acquainted with the problems which our widely varying communities have before them.

You ask me what endeavour would recommend to your editors to help make Canada a better place in which to live and work. It is a tremendous question and I am sure it is one upon which every one of your intelligent and patriotically inclined membership will have definite ideas. Canada is faced with many prob-

We have met and passed more or less safely through several during the last quarter century Those ahead are just as serious, but if we meet them with courage and a determination to consider only the welfare of the country at large, they will prove no more insuperable than did those which form high points in our past history.

Some of our problems are economic and perhaps these are the more serious. They mostly have found their basis in world-wide conditions and to some extent in limitations imposed by geographical situation, and there are those which are the direct result of public extravagance and a general disregard of the ordinary laws of economics in those days when we were more prosperous than we have lately been.

There are problems ahead, also which seem to arise out of racial differences and from the fact that in various parts of this country we have communities who find it difficult to think along the lines of those of us who live in other areas.

In my humble opinion, the editors of the weekly newspapers would do well to devote study and space to such national problems as the have indicated. I know of no better help to arriving at sound constructive decisions than may be found in the exchange of ideas which will be a natural result of your meeting together in convention. I have an idea that many of these problems even reasonably well informed on the relation of the relation the points of view held by their fellow-citizens in other parts of the Stafford of Holland. country.

Undoubtedly some of the difficulties that confront us are the result of bad leadership to which we have these self-constituted leaders have has been engaged for the public been educated by self-interest and school at Ceylon. others by belief in economic theories more remarkable for their novelty and widely heralded by thoroughly undependable promises of relief than they were for the soundness of their economic bases. The need is for sound leadership in facing national problems, and I would suggest that as these problems move forward to their solution it would be well if those who discuss them in editorial columns should look towards sound dependable leaders whose proposals for dealing with our problems are founded upon time-tested and proven fundamentals; and having found such leaders, they should be given whole-hearted support even when political expediency would seem to point in other directions.

I greatly fear that you will consider this letter unnecessarily long, but, I hope, not without interest. The offer of advice on other peoples' business is usually a thankless task, but you have asked me for my ideas on these matters and I am glad to comply. Furthermore, we all see difficulties ahead for this country, and I believe you and your colleagues can do much to help meet them. I am convinced, also, that insofar as you do so you will strengthen the position of your own newspapers in

IN DAYS OF YORE Religious Forum

50 YEARS AGO - APRIL 19, 1888

Local and Other Items

Master Austin Pickell took his departure on Monday last to fill a situation in Detroit.

Mr. Wm. Wason left last week for Rochester, having accepted a situaion there. Miss Kate McDuff is visiting with

riends in Hamilton. Charlie Sarjeant has gone to

lesherton and opened in the butchbusiness in that village.

Our enterprising young friend, J G. Anderson, has opened a general store in R. J. Sproule's old stand in Flesherton. Last Friday was the Spring Show

n Markdale. The following is a list of the prizes awarded: Heavy draft, Thorpe Wright's "Lord Derby; A. Beattie's "Just in Time": H. King's 'Dandy Boy". Percheron, H. King's Rebant"; I. Lound; Meaford Co.'s "Oasis". Canadian draft, A. Beat-tie's "Lucky Lad"; A. Mercer's Lord Derby Jr.". General purpose, Jas. Ryan's "Honest Tom"; Wm. Pawcett's "Lord Lansdown"; Jos. Manary's "King Tom". Roadster, A. Hannah's "Young Highland tion of the Canadian "Press" than J. Henry's "Valentine". Blood, T. our people understand. They carry Campbell's "Young Terror"; James

why I believe that the railways per- There was also a large display of it can never carry him back again. form a useful service to the country implements by Graham and Noble, in helping to make it possible for W. Jackson, J. H. Carson and Jeff. the editors and publishers of the Artley, agents: Jointer Plow, "Advance". Graham and Noble.; Sod plow, Wm. Jackson; Mower, "Patterson", J. Artley; Seed harrows, Wm. Jackson: Seed drill, "Noxon" Geo. Noble; Land roller, J. Carson Binder, J. Carson.

40 YEARS AGO - APRIL 21, 1898

Local and General Mr. Jarvis Henry of Albion spent Easter with Markdale friends.

Miss Susie Irwin returned to Til bury on Saturday after spending

Easter week at home. Mr. Jeffrey Artley has erected a addition to his pump and windmill factory for an agricultural imple nent show room.

Died Muxlow-In Euphrasia on April 14. Mary E., wife of Mr. William Muxlow, aged 27 years.

Meaford Road

Mr. Thomas Dunlop is erecting a new house. Mr. Wm. Cooper of the ownline has the contract.

Mr. R. G. Warling has moved to Osprey where he has rented a farm. Mr. J. Warling has moved back again on the old homestead.

30 YEARS AGO - APRIL 23, 1908

Local and General

Mr. Joe Kelly has secured a position with Ryan Bros., Owen Sound. Mr. J. C. Fletcher, having accepted a situation in St. Catherines as tonsorial artist, left with his wife this week for that city.

Mrs. Laughton (nee Miss Lizzie Sharpe) and Miss Sarah Beaton of Detroit are visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walden.

Morwood-In Markdale, April 18. Died

ears.
Humphreys-In Cookstown, April gart. 16, 1908, Mrs. (Rev.) J. Humphreys,

aged 40 years.

Stoddart - Stafford-At Holland Married on Wednesday, April 15th, 1908, by

Flesherton Miss Gillespie is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Toronto. Miss McGregor of Owen Sound

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lee of Toronto Junction have become residents in this village, occupying Mr. Alex. Stewart's house on Durham Street. Mr. Arch. Boyd has sold his farm on the East Backline to Mr. John

Beecroft of Osprey. Mrs. Kerr of Toronto has been engaged for the intermediate room in the public school in the place of Miss Young, resigned.

Rocklyn Mr. Geo. Crabtree and family have taken up their residence on the Breadner farm recently purchased from Mr. T. Hopkins. Mr. Ezra Lougheed has moved to the Clugs

ton property. Messrs. David McLaren, H. Clugston and Howard Hopkins, teachers are spending their vacations with their respective parents here. Mr. Wm. Trotter of the firm of Trotter and Gilray, millmen, has

the communities in which they live. With all good wishes for the sucess of your Convention, and for ourself, I remain,

Yours very truly, E. W. BEATTY, President, Canadian Pacific Rail road Company.

THOUGHTS

If you have not gotten to where ou look not to any man, but to God, and asked: "What wilt Thou have me to do?" you are not following the Lord. (Acts 9:6.)

Faith only begins to act after hunan resources fail.

There is abiding peace and con entment in submitting to God's will only give us that which will work out for our highest good.

The glory of any object or person is that it answers to all that is expected of it.

Pay attention to the still small voice and it will guide you through life's journey.

God has placed us here for a purpose. He has given each one some thing to do, whether it be great or small. Jesus said: "Occupy till I come". How have you spent your time and talents?

Our God is not a God of defeat but of victory. When we go forth to meet the enemy, if we go clothed in the power of the living God, we will meet with success.

Sin caused the greatest tragedy in the history of the world, even the death of the only begotten Son of Sin will carry a man across the

great gulf which is fixed between the righteous and the wicked, but Once he is there he is there to stay; and sin can never be out-grown grown out, or grown over. It must be washed out.

"Blessed is the man whose trans gression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1). There is no sin so small that we are able to cover, if your sin has not been covered by the blood of Jesus Christ. Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23).

God wants our service, not our professions, our deeds, not our

A life which does not measure up one's profession is a reproach. Speech is a power for good or evil nd should be carefully controlled. There is involved in true religion putting off of fleshly sins and a outting on of Christian graces.

BERKELEY

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hopkins of Toronto visited one day last week at the Mitchell home.

Mrs. A. Bunt of Toronto is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mr. and Mrs. H. Jenner and Ann. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Dowser of Toronto; Miss Jean Walters of Peterboro; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Flint and daughters of Owen Sound spent Easter at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Walters. Mrs. A. Bailie and granddaughter

Miss Florence McLaughlin, are visiting in Toronto this week.

Mrs. A. Gillespie and son, Mr Harold Gillespie, visited relatives in Toronto last week. The former's son-in-law, Mr. Ab. Patton, has been in the hospital for several weeks but is improving.

Gwen of Owen Sound spent the hollday with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hannah.

Mrs. Hamnett has returned to Morwood—In Markdale, April 15. Mrs. Hamnett has recome time time time with her sister, Mrs. Alex. McTagwith her sister, Mrs. Alex. McTag-

Mr. Robt. Crawford of Exeter was visitor in the village last week. Miss Charlotte Boyd returned

home from Toronto last week. The many friends of Mr. Charles Ransome of Holland Centre are sorry to hear of his continued ill-

Mr. Arthur McKennitt has the Presbyterian Church nearly all down

and the material taken home. Miss Laura Pedlar of Eugenia is spending the holidays with her sis-

ter, Mrs. Bert Watts. Miss Doris McLaughlin is spend ing her holidays at the home of her grandmother in Chatsworth.

The Ladies' Aid met in the Church basement on Thursday evening, April 7th. The singing of hymn No. 13 opened the meeting and was followed by the repeating of the Lord's prayer in unison. The Scripture lesson, Matt. 27 : 27-53, was read by Mrs. G. Caswell. The roll call was answered by 10 members. The May roll call word is to be "Flowers". After the business was concluded a contest conducted by Mrs. Wo C. Wiggins was won by Mrs. Bert Watts. Singing of hymn 23 and repeating the Benediction brought the

meeting to a close. sold out his share to Mr. Ed. Thomp son of Sligo. . . .

Pomona Mr. J. A. McMillan has returned

from Toronto. Mr. Angus McMillan has gone to Dulath.

Dan. Anderson has secured a posiion in the Durham Cement Works. Mrs. L. M. McGuire and daughters, Eulalie and Clara, have gone to Whitby for the Easter holidays. Master Tom McRae is visiting with his uncle in Priceville.

BUY AT HOME!

News and Information FOR THE BUSY FARMER

[Furnished by the Ontario Department of Agriculture]

Test Seed Before Sowing owing, real loss results, for reseed- no spare parts on hand. Thermo ing costs money and early crop prospects vanish. Recently a gardener at proper levels as a degree or se sent samples of lettuce, onion, best out may make considerable differ and carrot seed to the Dominion ence in size and strength of the will. We can rest assured that He Seed Branch Laboratory, Ottawa, for hatch. fresh, all of these seeds germinated will produce strong chicks. tically dead when three years old, while the beet and lettuce seeds retained reasonably high germination. The carrot seeds had declined almost 50 per cent in the three years but was still serviceable at a heavier seeding rate. These results are

typical of many tests made. The point is that old seed should not be used before testing for germination. This may be done at nome between two damp blotters or a sample may be sent to the nearest Dominion Seed Branch Laboratory.

Must Label Fertilizers Every mixed fertilizer on sale in Canada must contain at least 14 per cent. nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash, singly or combined. Minimum quantitles for each are established. Fertilizer constituent maerials are standardized and subject to minimum percentages of plant food substances. Every fertilizer must be labelled to show the brand names and guaranteed analysis.

Preparing for Hatching Season Repeated experiments have shown that for egg production, pullets are superior to older birds. The incubation, hatching and rearing of a great many chicks is therefore a yearly necessity. The tendency is towards large hatcheries supplying the small er poultryman and farmer, and the sale of day-old chicks, sexed chicks and cross-bred chicks has increased

rapidly. The individual can now purchase chicks from recognized agencies with assurance. The Department of Agriculture is now grading chicks as follows: Purple label, R.O.P. chicks from blood tested and Government recorded flocks; Red label, R.O.P. Sired Chicks, from blood tested and Government approved flocks; Blue label. Approved chicks, from approved cockerels, and approved banded and blood tested flocks.

For those who wish to incubate their own eggs, the use of R.O.P. or approved males is recommended, and it is advisable to secure males early in order to get a good selection and to acclimatize them to local conditions.

Incubators should be looked over and put in first class shape. They should be scrubbed and disinfected prior to incubation and also between hatches. It is always good policy to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown and have spare incubator supplies on hand, as many a hatch has been

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| ruined by something going wrong When seed fails to germinate after after incubation has commenced and meters should be tested and placed

germination test. The seed was Care should be exercised in select-three years old and intended for use ing normal eggs of good shell texnext spring. The lettuce germinated ture and colour. Breeding pens of 72 per cent, the best 71 per cent, the the best hens mated to good maies carrot 49 per cent and the onion 2 should receive the right feed and atper cent. Three years ago, when tention in order to obtain eggs that over 90 per cent. These tests proved the directions supplied by the manonce again that some kinds of seed ufacturer for operation of the inoose their vitality quicker than cubator as the directions have been others. - The onion seeds were prac- compiled after considerable experimentation

Prepare Horses for Spring Work The mechanically-minded tractorfarmer no doubt has his tractor thoroughly overhauled in preparation for the spring work. The farmer who depends on horse power may well take a leaf out of the same book, for while horses attend to their own repairs, nevertheless a certain amount of "tuning up" is necessary even with horses if economical power is to be obtained.

Most idle horses will have been wintered on a good maintenance ration and rightly so, as horses fattened during the winter are inclined to be soft and in poor condition for hard spring and summer work. The maintenance ration of rough feeds should now be gradually replaced by a medium grain ration and better quality roughage, preferably timethy hay, increasing the quantity until a full working ration is being fed at the start of the heavy spring work.

If the hair is long and heavy clipping is desirable and thorough grooming is energy well spent at all times. Clean and fit collars and harness carefully. Daily washing of shoulders after the day's work with cold salt water will cleanse and toughen the skin, especially in the oung horses.

Particular attention should be paid to the teeth and feet of the horse. If necessary, have the teeth examined and "floated" to provide proper grinding surfaces. Trim the feet carefully, keeping the wearing surfaces level. For work on the land, shooing is not always necessary, but where needed frequency and correctness of shoeing is import ant. Lice, worms, and bots take their toll of the horse's energy and should be eliminated early in the

campaign. Plenty of good feed, timely attention, and thought, not unmixed with the milk of human kindness, will work wonders in the development of basic power and rippling force in man's faithful friend, the noble

Keep the Birds Healthy The care, attention and quality of

eed given the chick and growing bird will contribute to the health and production of the mature bird Due to improper feeding, particularly the wrong kind of green feed in the early stages, the birds' digestive system may not develop so as to stand the strain of heavy production. Then, too, a bird may just ge by from the health standpoint and mature bird give a poor account of herself in the laying pen. Vigou and stamina must be bred and fed into the bird if it is to pay its way The healthier a bird is kept the bet ter use it will make of its feed There is sometimes quite a heavy loss because the birds are more or less weaklings due to some infection or lack of attention when young or growing. Success in the poultry business depends upon continual

vigilance. Rye has been found to be good pasture for growing chicks. Where this has been sown in the fall it is ready for the early hatched chicks when the time comes to put them on range. An early planting in the spring may give sufficient growth by the time the late March chicks are ready to go on range. Another strip could be planted later and the colony house or range shelter moved on to it when the first strip is picked off or has become too coarse. Pro-

Fall sown rye for early spring pasture, which may be supplemented with permanent grass pasture. In spring, an early variety of oats could be sown as soon as possible in April another lot sown early in May and again late in May in order to keep fresh green feed coming along. Once the cereals joint they are greatly reduced in value as a poultry pasture To supply pasture during the summer and early fall, kale, swiss chard rape and corn could be planted. Corn and rape could be sown late in May where the fall rye has been Besides giving green feed the corn is valuable for supplying shade. The rape could be broadcast and the corn sown in drills. Moving the colony houses or shelter permits more complete utilization of the pasture crop and improves general sanitation of the range. The fertility of the soil will affect the quality of the pasture.

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