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IN DAYS OF YORE

50 YEARS AGO—March 6th, 1890

Local and Other Items

Miss Edith Hall is visiting in Dundalk.

Miss Storm has returned to town after a prolonged stay at Markham.

Mrs. Wiley of Owen Sound is visiting friends in Markdale and Harkaway.

Mr. P. Cairns left for Toronto on Monday, having sold his Barrhead mill property to the former owner, W. J. Rowe.

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Married

Wallace - Gawley—In Holland township, on February 26, by Rev. Geo. Hartley, Mr. Jno C. Wallace of Golden Stream, Man., to Miss Mary Jane Gawley, daughter of Mr. Joseph Gawley of Holland.

30 YEARS AGO—March 10th, 1910

Local and General

Mrs. T. E. Lee is visiting friends in Toronto for a few days.

Miss Mabel Berry of Priceville is visiting Miss Emma Baines.

Messrs. William and James Edwards left on Tuesday for Schnietzer, Man.

Mr. S. Murray left on Wednesday with a car of settler's effects for Swift Current.

Mr. J. W. Gibson and family have moved back from Rock Mills to the old home farm two miles out of Markdale on the gravel road south.

Mr. Wm. Mathews of the suburbs purchased this week, Mrs. Noble's house with two acres of land on George street. Mr. Mathew's father and sisters will move from Chatsworth in the spring and reside on George street.

Mr. James Bradley will move next week onto the farm five miles west of Berkeley, which he purchased from Mr. Alex. McKennitt. The latter is moving this week to Gorrie, where he has purchased a farm.

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Died

Murdoch—In Markdale, on Saturday, March 5th, 1910, Mrs. John Murdoch, aged 59 years.

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Flesherton

Miss Ruth Paul of Eugenia is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. Bentham.

Mrs. R. Best is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Simmons at Riverview.

Miss Brown of Melancthon has returned to her former position with F. G. Karstedt.

Miss McMillan of Paisley arrived on Monday to take charge of J. & W. Boyd's millinery this season.

Fenwick - Williams—At the Methodist parsonage on Wednesday evening of last week, Rev. H. E. Wellwood, B.D., joined in marriage, Mr. Joseph Fenwick of the east back line, Artemesia, to Mrs. M. J. Williams of Eugenia.

Seed Fair Planned

The Grey County Crop and Soil Improvement Association, at a meeting held last Thursday, decided to hold a Grey County Seed Fair at Owen Sound during the first week of April.

Farmers having good seed are asked to exhibit the same. All seed however MUST be graded. This will cost nothing for three samples. Send at least 3 pounds of coarse grain and about 3 ounces of small seed to Mr. W. J. W. Lennox, 86 Collier Street, Toronto, Ont.

Please remember this is an extremely busy time in the Seed Grader's office, therefore, please send the samples without delay.

Watch advertisements in all County daily and weekly newspapers during the week of March 25th. Prizes will be worthwhile.

Any lots of 5 or 10 bushels will be sold by auction provided samples of these have been graded. The one aim of the Crop Improvement Association is the offer of good seed so better crops can be harvested. Why not enter an exhibit from your farm?

Standard Want Advs. Pay.

Our Bacon Trade and U. S. Pork Imports

(The Canadian Countryman)

Recently a Toronto business man who is interested in agriculture left with us a clipping from "Business Week", an American magazine, which contained an article headed "Canada Buys U.S. Pork". In recent months hog prices have been much lower than prices in this country and American hog producers have been hoping that the war would stimulate demand. So far they have been disappointed, but the United States has been selling increasing quantities of pork to Canada in recent months and this is what the article in question is about. We quote from it as follows:

"They (American hog producers) have been getting a nice little slug of business from the war by a roundabout route, in an unforeseen form. A recent rush of wires asking how to ship fresh pork to Canada was a meat trade authority's first notice that a big market had opened overnight for United States packers and farmers. Ever since the British Ministry of Foods and the Canadian Bacon Board signed their contract, carloads of American pork have been flowing northward in an increasing volume, which must remain indefinite until Department of Agriculture figures are issued. A few weeks ago, for instance, a Chicago packer sent 2,000 dressed hogs in a single shipment. But little has been said about it for fear of arousing the Canadian farmer."

Some people consider we should prohibit imports of pork from the United States. They are people who believe in restricting international trade, or in other words, they are the people whose ideas regarding trade have been largely responsible for the unsatisfactory conditions under which agriculture in this country and the United States has labored during the past ten years, and which are to a considerable degree to blame for the present world war. One might dismiss the opinions of these people, therefore, by saying they are not worth bothering with. There is more to be said about the matter, however, than that. The article which we have quoted gives an erroneous and distorted view of the situation. As a matter of fact we imported about twice as much pork from the United States during June, July and August last year before the war started than we did during the first three months of the war, so that it can hardly be claimed that the war is wholly responsible for increased pork imports. During the first eleven months of last year pork imports from the United States totalled 21,126,926 pounds, as compared with 4,051,807 pounds during the corresponding period in 1938.

We have always imported a certain amount of pork, bacon and hams from the United States. The amount depends largely on price levels in the two countries, so that an increase in pork imports in itself should not cause alarm. What hog producers in this country may properly be disturbed about is whether our pork imports during this war will adversely affect our bacon trade with Great Britain as they did during the last war.

During the war of 1914-1918 the packers in this country imported large quantities of fresh pork from the United States. They cured it in this country and sold it as Canadian bacon in Great Britain. To illustrate what took place then a few figures are of interest. During the fiscal year ending March, 1915, our imports of American pork totalled 8,488,988 lbs. During the following fiscal year, these figures jumped to 52,773,737 pounds. Pork imports continued to increase and during the year ending March 31, 1918, they amounted to 84,867,370 pounds. We shipped about four times as much bacon to Great Britain in 1918 as we did in 1914, but this bacon came largely from the United States. Our packers made lots of money from the business, but in doing so they ruined the reputation of Canadian bacon in the British market. Such a thing is not going to happen this time. What the future will bring no one can say, but up to the present time no American bacon has been shipped from Canada to Great Britain, and if this becomes necessary as the war proceeds, the packers will not be allowed to sell American bacon as Canadian bacon, but all American bacon will be sold as such.

Figures presented by Mr. Watson of the Ontario Department of Agriculture at the annual meeting of the Experimental Union recently showed that Great Britain drew heavily on Canada and the United States for her supplies of bacon during the last war. Denmark was an important source of supply in the early part of the war, but supplies of Danish bacon were sharply curtailed as the war continued. It is quite likely that the same thing will happen this time, due to the blockade and the proximity of Denmark to Germany.

Before the outbreak of the present war Great Britain bought more than half her bacon supplies from Denmark, Canada was second on the list as a source of supply, with the Irish Free State third, which was closely followed by the Netherlands.

The Baltic countries shipped considerable quantities of bacon to Great Britain, but it is probable that this trade will be very much curtailed as a result of the war. Twenty-five years ago the United States exported more bacon to Great Britain than any other country except Denmark. In 1913, for example, Great Britain imported 2,334,945 cwts. from Denmark, 1,803,371 cwts. from the United States, 243,522 cwts. from Canada and 476,052 cwts. from other countries. In recent years imports from the United States have dropped materially. Thus in 1938 British imports of American bacon only amounted to 42,821 cwts., while Canada supplied 1,275,573 cwts., the Irish Free State 536,764 cwts., the Netherlands 514,438 cwts., Sweden 251,048 cwts., Lithuania 190,050 cwts., Estonia 42,120 cwts. and Latvia 37,209 cwts.

Some people may think it is wrong of us to increase our imports of American pork. We do not think so. In the first place we have a trade agreement with the United States which benefits both countries and it is in the interest of all concerned that nothing be done to upset this arrangement. We also have an agreement with Great Britain by which she has undertaken to accept an average of 5,600,000 pounds of bacon from us weekly. About 90,000 hogs weekly are required to fill this contract and supply our own needs. Last year an average of 71,000 hogs were marketed weekly. Unless we step up hog production in this country to fill the demand from Great Britain, it is obvious that we must import the pork we require to do so from the United States. In Denmark people eat margarine and ship their butter to Great Britain, and in the same way it is good busiess for us to eat the inferior American bacon and ship our own good bacon overseas.

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Anglican Church Notes

Rev. C. O. Pherrill, B.A., B.D.

Christ Church, Markdale
Sunday, March 3rd, 1940

11 a.m.—Morning Service. Bible Character V.

7 p.m.—Evening Service. The Cross of Christ V.

Wednesday, March 13, 7.30 p.m., midweek Lenten service. English Church History V.

St. Matthias' Church, Berkeley

3 p.m.—Church Service. Bible Character V

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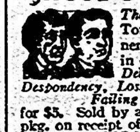
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Mr. F. Olmstead spent several days of last week in Owen Sound.

Percy Wales had the misfortune to cut his foot with an axe, rather badly last Monday morning, while working at Mr. E. Ptolemy's. Six stitches were needed to close the gash and Percy is having a rest at his home here.

Rev. Rokeby-Thomas spent several days of last week in Guelph, visiting his good lady and other relatives.

The W. I. had two quilts quilted for Red Cross purposes last Tuesday afternoon in the United Church Sunday School room and a ten-cent tea was served about five o'clock.

Miss Velma Rennie was hostess for the regular meeting of the A.Y.P.A. last Thursday evening.

On Friday evening the A.Y.P.A. members entertained the Y.P.U. of the United Church at a skating party on the rink. About thirty young people were present. Lunch was served.

Mrs. Delisle Rennie was hostess for the March meeting of the W.A. of the United Church last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. Hopkins spent the week-end of Feb. 25th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Falls near Rocklyn.

Born—On Wednesday, Feb. 28th, in Guelph Hospital, to Rev. and Mrs. Rokeby-Thomas of Walters Falls, the gift of a daughter. Emilee Anne.

EUGENIA

Born—On Monday, Feb. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Warford, a daughter. Congratulations.

On Wednesday evening of last week a sleigh-riding party was held by the Y.P.U. Miss Evelyn Campbell, the Chistian Culture convener, had charge of the meeting. After the party returned from their ride a short meeting was held, followed by a hot supper. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Mrs. Beatty of Maxwell spent ten days at Beaver Lodge, the guest of Mrs. Pinkerton.

Mr. Percy Smith spent a few days in Toronto.

Messrs. L. Genoe, R. Genoe, C. Warford, C. Goddard, R. McMillan and R. Fawcett were home from Hanover over the week-end.

Mr. Chas. Park, who is working with the H.E.P.C. in Owen Sound, was home over the week-end.

Mrs. Martin of the village and Mrs. Hargrave of Maxwell were recent visitors at Beaver Lodge.

Mr. E. Baker visited one day recently with Mr. Jim Harrison of Flesherton.

Sorry to report Mr. Wallace Graham on the sick list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Everett Graham has returned home from Northern Ontario, where he has spent the past few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Purvis of Toronto visited over the week-end with the former's father, who returned with them to the city for a visit.

Pleased to report Mrs. Fred Duckett feeling somewhat better at time of writing.

Miss Blanche Williams, accompanied by Miss Carmel Martin, spent Sunday at the former's parental home, 12th line.

Mr. John Park is spending a few days in Toronto.

Miss Agnes Macphail held a meeting in the L.O.L. hall here on Feb. 27th, in the evening and gave an interesting adddress. Mr. Farquahar Oliver also addressed the audience in the interest of the U.F.O.

Guests at the Martin home Saturday evening were the Misses E. and M. Betts, Mrs. Ted Campbell, Misses E. Campbell and B. Williams, also Mr. Jim Harrison of Flesherton.

Mr. Doug. Cairns has returned home from Owen Sound.

Pleased to report Mr. Henry Cairns feeling better. Hope he may be soon able to be up around again as usual.

Mr. Chas. Hopper is on the sick list at present. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Alex. Cameron has been laid up for the past couple of weeks or so with rheumatism. We hope she is soon well again.

Miss I. Dinsmore visited over the week-end with Feversham friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Porteous and Mrs. Well. Graham were guests at the birthday party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor in honor of Mrs. Taylor's sister, Miss Lucy MacDonald, on Friday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sam MacDonald of Toronto were also present. A very pleasant time was spent. We join in wishing Lucy many more happy returns of her birthday, as it only comes once every four years.

Pte. Victor McMaster of the 48th Highlanders F.A.S., Toronto, was a week-end visitor with his sister, Mrs. Chas. Hanley, husband and family.

Mrs. T. McKee has returned home from a visit with her daughters and other friends in Toronto.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st, the Y.P.U. held their regular meeting. Miss I. Dinsmore, the Christian Fellowship convener, had charge of the meeting. Mrs. Cairns presided for the devotional and business period. Rev. Mr. Mercer gave an address on "The tests in life". Mrs. Cairns and Miss Marge Park sang a solo, accompanied on the organ by Miss Dinsmore.

Small Advts.

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THE GARDEN FORUM
(F. D. Sawyer, Editor)

GLADIOLUS
(Contributed by A. G. Robertson)

Of all the flowers which are in keen competition to-day for the favour of the amateur gardener probably none has made more progress or is in more favour than the Gladiolus. The much disputed pronounciation of the name of this flower as gladi-o-lus both singular and plural has been noted by the several thousand members of the Gladiolus Society for which the amateur owes them much thanks.

The old reliable "glad" can be counted upon to come through with flying colours ninety nine times out of a hundred. There are a number of diseases or scabs which occasionally give the grower some trouble; but these usually show in the bulb which can be sorted out before being planted.

That the gladiolus is preeminently the amateur's flower is often shown at the Gladiolus shows where some beginner will carry off the prize for the best spikes of a variety in competition with professional growers. The Gladiolus has long been grown primarily as a flower for cutting and this has led to the belief that it is not suitable for any other purpose and so the helpless gladiolus is outlawed by general practice from association with other flowers and condemned to a bed by itself. The Gladiolus can be used for planting in the mixed border where groups of a dozen or twenty-five bulbs of one variety are very effective. Because of its tall imposing form, long lines or small groups planted against walls or tall hedges or in the border where there will be protection from high winds make a very pleasing picture. The foliage itself which gives the plant the popular name of "Sword Lily" is beautiful while the flowers open and remains attractive for a long time after the faded flower stalks are cut off. Another great appeal which the Gladiolus possesses is that it may easily be had in bloom continuously for weeks on end. The bulbs are very hardy and may be planted as soon as the ground has warmed sufficiently in the spring. The earliest varieties will bloom from seventy to eighty days and should be planted first. From then on by successive plantings which can be made up to early July it is possible to have a constant procession of bloom until frost. This is a fact which catalogue makers have never stressed nearly enough. The best practice is to plant the choice new varieties early so as to get a good crop of bulblets or cornels, the little "seed" bulbs which form in a cluster around the base of the old bulb and to reserve a supply of the cheaper or more plentiful kinds for later plantings. The mid-season and late varieties take from eighty to one hundred days so that it is possible to secure a month of bloom from one planting and thus by making four plantings including in each some early mid season and late varieties it is possible to have several months of flowers.

For growing for flowers or for increase of stalk plant the bulbs in rows about four or five inches deep in light soil but only three to four inches in heavy soil. In stiff clay two inches is quite enough. The rows are usually made twenty-four inches apart but eighteen is sufficient if space is limited. The bulbs should be spaced three to six inches apart according to soil, size of bulbs and vigor of the growth of the variety. The Gladiolus, even more than most plants, appreciates thorough cultivation during the growing season and plenty of moisture. A good system is to cultivate after every rain. For show blooms a top dressing of liquid manure or nitrate of soda may be given just as the flower spikes are developing. Flowers for cutting should be taken just as the first two or three buds are well opened. Remove only one or two leaves with the flower spike if you want to have strong new bulbs for the following season. If spikes are growing crooked they may be drawn through the hand while young and straightened. If strong bulbs are planted they will produce flowers almost anywhere, but to get the finest spikes and to have a new bulb as good as the old for carrying on for next season's planting a fairly deep rich soil should be provided. Well rotted barn yard manure will give as good results as any.

When the foliage begins to turn colour and die down but before it pulls away readily from the bulb cut the stems off within three inches or so of the soil and take up the bulbs carefully by loosening the soil with a spading fork and lifting gradually, removing the bulb with the cluster of small bulblets clinging to it and placing them in a tight flat. After drying thoroughly away from danger of frost separate and store for winter in a cool place.

The varieties of Gladiolus are multiplying so rapidly that to attempt to cover the latest would require too much space and must be left to individual taste of the grower.

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LIVE STOCK REPORT
by Dunn & Levack, Toronto

On Monday, the cattle market held steady for practically all classes. Top sales being made on some choice butcher cattle, while weighty steers held barely steady. The cow trade was active and steady. Lambs featured the market, gaining from 15 to 25¢ and calves held steady.

Choice butcher steers brought from 7.00 to 7.25, with a few extra choice at higher prices; fair to good from 6.50 to 7.00; common to medium 5.50 to 6.25. Choice weighty steers were from 7.00 to 7.25; fair to good from 6.50 to 7.00. Choice baby beeves were in good demand at from 8.00 to 9.00; fair to good from 7.00 to 8.00. Choice heifery cows brought from 5.25 to 5.75; choice heavy fat cows 4.75 to 5.25; fair to good from 4.00 to 4.75; canners and cutters 3.25 to 3.75. Good heavy bulls 5.00 to 5.25, with some at slightly higher prices; common light bologna bulls 4.25 to 4.75.

Choice ewe lambs featured the market, selling at from 10.00 to 10.15, with those of medium quality from 9.50 to 9.75. The sheep trade was steady, choice from 6.00 to 6.50. Choice veal calves brought from 10.50 to 11.00, with a few tops at 11.50; fair to good from 9.00 to 10.25; common to medium 6.00 to 8.00.

The hog market was active and steady, sales being made mostly at from 9.00 alive, with those on the dressed weight basis at various prices.

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