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THE 164TH

They came in beautiful Autumn. When the blush was on the losf. When the sky was bright and cloudless And old earth in mystery stooped.

Up by the quaint old village With quick and measured tread, . On the fine October morning, The Khaki host was led. "Tie "the soldier boys," we whispered,

"I know that they would come," As through the school room window Came the rolling of the drum. Came the music loud and cheery From Battalion bogle band, ... Fo all the world procisiming love And pedde for their dear land.

Then by the hill they halted,
And the seven hundred troops Bat by the flusty road side. In happy little groups. 'Was that a knock door teacher?

I answered to the door : There stood the gallant Major Of Battalion ano-alx-four. "We're on our way to Shelburne." And I make this little call, To ask you for your school room,

And here in numbers seventeen The warriors brave and tall. Talked of their own old school days ... And memories they rocali. ... Where're a brave Canadian goes He spreads aboard his fame;

Their faces I remember. Alas ! I cannot guess.

Oaward, o'er the hill they went,-Beyond the wooded glon :. " We breathed a prayer that God would And when o'erseas their steps are turn-

In other lands to roam, May victory over crown their days, And care their welcome bome. (This poem was written by a little chool teacher at Itosemont when the 164th Batt. was on their trek from Camp Borden to Hamilton last fall and was sent to the



THE HORSE WITH BROKEN HOOF

Donnis H. Stovell

Y'M SORRY, Caleb," Stephen Moore told the new neighbor. . but we can't let any of our clover seed go -not now. We will need half of what we have to plant, and if we hold the other half till January or February, we will get twenty-five or thirty cents a pound for it nateed of the twenty cents it is now worth."

"I could not pay for it now, anyway," Caleb Wicks returned. "But if you would let me have four sacks I will agree to pay the January or February market price, latting you have the money as soon. as I

roccive it." "No," Stephen objected, "we would not

care to do business in that way." It was quite evident, by the disheartened expression that came into the rather sober countenance of Caleb Wicks that he felt keenly disappointed. With a shake of his hoad, but without speaking, be turned away, going out of the Moore gate and scross the field toward his own home.

"I suppose he has fergotten that I tried to borrow that one-horse democrat warron of his shortly after they moved in last spring," Stophen said to his younger brother, Ross, after Caleb had gone. "And be turned you down very curtly."

Ross reminded. Their sister, Bernice, who had bee listening to the conversation with the new neighbor; drew pearer.

"He was really using the wagon at the time, though, Stephen," she reminded him kindly. "I think he would have loaned it to you but for that. I can't help but feel a little sorry for Caleb, really. There's just him and his mother on that old Wilson place, and he is having a desperate time of it making a living for the two, and paying the rent in addition. He needs all the

"Then you think we should let him have half of our clover seed ?" Stephen demand. od a little sharply.

replied. "The clover seed belongs to you and Ross, and its disposal is no business of mine." She turned to the house, and the two boys went on with their work. It was early October, and only the day before the clover buller, with its crow, had visited the Moore farm, threshing the clover crop, Two years before, fellowing the suggestion and advice given by the agricultural college experts to all Willsmotte Valley farmers, Stephen and Ross had sown one of their fields to red clover. - This year they hot only cut a big "first crop" of hay, but had a splendid "recond crop" to thresh for sooil. And clover soed, because of its demand, was worth from twenty to thirty cents a pound. This demand was duo largo; ly to the fact that all the old, grain-worn farms were admirably adapted to clover growing. Catab Wicks had leased such a farm, for the "Wilson place" which he rested, had been a steady proflucer of wheat and outs for more than forty years. It was one of the so-called "worn-out"

arms of the region. Calebia only chance of making anything a the place was in growing clover. He knew this well enough ; so did the Moore boys ; but Stephen and Ross were determined, for several reasons, not to lot Calab have the sood. From the first they had taken a dislike to the tall and awkward They could not forget that he had refused them his "domoors!" wagoo moreover, a rumor from some quarter had reached the Moore boys that Caleb's reputation for honeaty, in the community where he formerly lived, was none too good;

Bo the Moure boys, quite proud in the careful," she begged finally. "It would be success they had mot with in their vanture, and with the denision to double their | She mould say no more, and after, a few when you harvest your crop." acresico ul clover over the ant. mason,

stored their sight full sacks of precious sood in the granary. The sacks were of seamless port, long and close-moshed, and showed an average weight of inio hundred and sixty pounds, with a total value of over

two hundred dellars.

That evening the two brothers attended a read meeting over at the district schoolhouse. It was nearly ten o'clock when they drove down the lane on their return home. Just before they reached their gate; they passed a rig-a one-horseking it was -moving in the direction of the Wilson place. The boys dimly recognized it na the "democrat" wagon and the old foan horse of Caleb Wicks. They guessed that the ellent person who occupied the rickety rist was the tall, awkward youth,

night " Stephen remarked curiously, when they had passed. "It's too much of a puzzle for me," Ross answered. "He did not attend the road meeting. He is a queer chap, though ;

"I wonder why he is out at this time of

Tom Manley told me he has seen him on Other rigs were on the road now, obliterat- never seen. They left him standing there the road at all times of the night. What ing the tracks found in the early morning. he-is doing no one seems to know." They drove into the harn lot and un- convinced. This conviction grow when worked they happened to note the front hitched. They heard the old one-horse they passed the old Wilson place. In the feet of the agod roan.

horse in the barn, and Stephen went to the granary to lock tha door. In half an hour Ross were able to drive within a few yards both were in bed and sound saloon. of him. They paused a moment, and both Stephon was the first one up next morning, and went out to the barn to begin roan's feet. A plece was broken off afrousthe before-breakfast chores. Ross would get up shortly and start the kitchen fire for Bernice and their mother. But before the

younger brother had pulled on his clother, he beard Stephen come thumping up the stairs. His room door opened anddenly and Stephen, much excited, came in speaking in low, tense tones: "Come down quick, Ross, and see what's happened !" Before Ross could ask any questions, Stephen was gone. The younger brother got harriedly into the rest of his clothes

and went out. He found Stephen at the granary. The door was open ! It had been forced open. so Ross quickly observed, for the hasp that hold the pudlock was pulled out. He prorod inside-and then he know what had happened. The sacks of precious clover sood wore gone ! .

"The rig that took the sacks away came n at the lower lot gate, and drove out brough the corral to the lane," Stephen said, as he turned and began examining the tracks. "Right over here is where the rig stood while the sacks were loaded. The marks are very plain! It was a one-home wagon I" -11 Yes, it was a one-horse wagon-an old.

wabbly-whooled damoerat wagon, evident ly, for the trail is crooked and irregular," Ross argued, as he, too, made an examina tion of the telitale prints in the dusty lot "And see here, Stephen-look at this-look at this foot mark ! Do you soo that ? . It shows that a piece was broken off the The two brothers reject up and gazed at each other in silence. The same conclusion

had come to the minds of both. Stephen was the first to speak his suspicions, yet he looked around before saying a word, as if alraid he might be overheard. "I know now why he was on the road last night He needed clover seed mighty had ! So he took ours. He drove on by and came back after we went to bed. I have followod the tracks down the road ! I found where he tied the horse to the fence and

The eyes of the older brother flashed angrily. His cheeks turned pale as he closed and unclosed his big, hard hands. declared hotly. "The thief must pay the penalty of the law !"

"You're right, Stephen," Ross agreed. Wicks. "But of course we want to be sure before "We will be sure!" Stephen returned. Those tracks are as plain as day. It was an old democrat wagon, drawn by one horse ; and that horse had a chip broken off the right front hoof !"

He returned to his work of following the mystorious trail, and Ross went to the louse to start the kitchen fire. Bernice came down stairs as frosh as a rose. She was singing, but ceased when she saw Reca. She quickly divined that something was

"The clover seed is gone," Ross told ber at once, as he began removing the lid from the range to build a fire. "Some one took all eight of the sacks last night." He paused, with the kindling in his hand, while Bernice came over and looked closely into his face. "Who it was," he continu ed, "used a wabbley, one-horse wagon and the herse had a piece broken from the right front hoof. The tracks are very "I will not say as to that," the sister,

> "You, we feel sure we know." Ross an wered. "There is only one person any whore near here who has a wabbly-wheeled democrat wagon. We know that person needed clover seed. He tried to get some

of ours -" "But Rose !" exclaimed Bernice, as ellaid her bands on her brother's shoulders and gazed at him. The rune plak had left her checks. Her round face turned white. "You and Stephen should be sure! It is terrible to have such adspicious unless you

"We do know !" Russ declared emphat ically. "The tracks are as plain as day." Bernico drew away from him and he tinish ed building the fire. White busy with milking and feeding the two boys made their plans. They would go at once to the county woal, have

warrant of arrest issued and return to the Wilson place with Shoriff Finter. Those plans were made known at the breakfast table. "I hope you boys are making no mistake," the mother cautioned kindly. "The thief should be caught, of course, but it would be unfortunate If au

innocent person were arrested."

"We are not going to make any mistake nother," Stephen sesured. Bernice said no word till the uleal was nearly over. Sho had been sitting silently, her chooks pale, her hands trembling, looking from one to the other of her brothers in a sort of dumb appeal.

minutes, the two brothers got up from the It was Caleb's turn now to be

WHAT TIME IS IT

Tune to do well-

Time to live better-Give up that grudge, Answer Wat lotter : Sbook a kind word to aweeten a corr

table. They went to the barn lot, hitched His voice was choked, his face lighted with a horse to the huggy, and drove away. a radiance such as the two brothers had But the two hoys had seen enough to be clover sacks themselves. While they clattering wheels go on by. How put the aged roan borse nibbled at the dry gras He was so near the road that Stephen and

> "That settles it I" Stephen declared with absolute finality. "No other herse could

have made that track !" Three miles further on, in a maple-shad od creek bottom, the two boys passed the camp of an itinerant jook man. A little farther on they found a rickety wagon by the roadside with an aged horse eating early closing movement and will close at from a nose bag.

"That's taking it casy," said Stephen, as the horse shied at sight of the decrepit; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Storey and Mr. W.

When they had peased, they drove rapidly on to the county seat only to learn when reaching the courthouse that Sheriff Foster was absent, and would not return till the next day. Though they could have given the information they possessed to the sheriff's deputy, the boys preferred to see the sheriff himself. "We can wait," they said, as they re-

turned to their rig and started home. "The delay won't matter much-only to make us an extra trip," Stephen added later. "Caleb can't get away without our knowing it-and the sheriff will make a search for the seed any time we ask him

in consection with the mysterious disappearance of the clover seed. In spite of their absolute conviction the mention of uncertainty and doubt into the minds of the two youths. It made them see again the white face and the frightened eyes of

As if to reassure both himself and his brother, Stephen repeated the story told him by the tracks in the barn let : "Whoever stole our clover seed used a one-herse, wabbly-whoeled wagon. The horse had a piece broken from the right front hoof !" "You're right, Stephen." Ross agreed. "Those marks were as plain as day." They drove on in silence, and by neon

time had reached and passed the cree bottom where the junkman had camped in the morning. A half hour later, and when only a mile from home, they over took a strange outfit. Out of a dust cloud should of them, they saw a one-horse "Wo're not going to stand for this ?" he | wabbly-whoeled democrat wagon, drawn by a roan horse. The boys recognized it at once as 'the wagon and horse of Caleb

But Caleb was not in the rickety seat. -well, before we make any definite move?" When the dust cleared again they saw that the roan was hitched to another rig. This was also a wallbly-whooled democrat wagon. It was piled with old sacks and scrape of broken machinery. It was drawn by the aged horse they had seen feeding from a nose-bag in the camp at the creek bettom. The junkman, ragged and forlorn, was in the seat. Beside him, holding the lines, and urging the aged beast along, was Caloli

Wicks ! Unable to understand what the strange procession meant, Stephen and Ross speeded their own horse and started to pass. But they were brought to a halt by a call from Caleb :

"Hold on, just a minute, fellows," asid Caleb, as he stopped the old herse and climbed down, coming at once toward the buggy. "I'm on my way to your place with this outfit ! I have found something that I believe belongs to you." As he spoke, Caleb looked into the astonished faces of the two Moore boys and smiled. Amazod and wondering, they continued to

gare at him speechlossly. "We lost our brass kettle last night." continued, "and on making a search, found it under this load of junk. under the beap of old rubber and ecrap iron I found eight sacks of clover seed! No wooder that old horse goes alow !" Again Caloh Wicks' sober face brightened with a smile. The two brothers continued to gazat him in speechless silence. They could not laugh. It was all too terrible. It was as if they had been walking the brink of dangerous precipice and narrowly escaped falling. They had been wrong in their suspicious. They had accused an innocon youth-their neighbor, a stranger, and-one who needed their good will. Remorse and regrot hurnod at their hearts. They sale Bothing, and Calob continued. But the youth was not smiling now, his face was sober again, his gray over filled with pity. "I could not arrest the poor upfortunate," ho said. . !'Anyhow, I have the brass kettle avain, and he promises he will steal more. He we wormen our way to return the clover seed to you. You can send for

the shorit -" Caleb Wicks got no further. Stephen Moure leaped quickly from the huggy and gripped Caleb's hand. "No, no, Caleb; wo will not arrest him !" said he. "You have been more than kind. We jole with the ponitent one in thunking you sincerely for what you have done. And as for that clover soul-listen, we will divide the load right here where we are. We will put four sacks to your wagon, and you can take them on home. You can return the seed

I)o that good doed you would leave till to morrow.

holding the home while they unleaded the

TWENTY YEARS AGO instinctively rivated their attention on the From the Issue of the Prec Press - Thursday, April 29th, 1897

Mr. Moses Smith has engaged with Arnold Bros. to run their tannery at Glonlaw-

Measrs. Beardmore & Co. supplied six of seven cars of fresh tan bark for the horse show which opons in Toronto to-day. The barber shops have fallen in with the Hundredth Regiment in Winnipeg-its o'clock on Monday, Tuesday and Thurs- Lawrence, Mass. "T. K.") day oyonings.

E. Smith went to Clanford on Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Storey's mother, the late Mrs. Ansen Smith.

The Trustee Board of the Methedia Church have under way plans for considerable improvements to the church. In add ition to tipting and brick-pointing and painting the woodwork of the whole of the exterior an alcove for the choir is to erected in the rear.

Last Thursday Hon. Mr. Fielding, Finance Minister, introduced the tariff in speech of great length. He said in present ing the tariff hill that the government adhered to the platform of the Liberal are more severely affected. It is our duty party which was tariff for revenue "subject This was the first time that the name of to such changes as varying conditions Caleb Wicks had been actually mentioned require." -As Halton county is the largest producer of leather and leather goods in the Dominion with but one exception the now tariff was watched for with anxiety. the new neighbor's name brought a feeling | The manufacturers here express themselves as well satisfied with the new bill.

Emperor William does not believe Turko-Grook war will remain localized very long, and thinks that the principal Euro pean powers will be involved.

McLaucutty-On Sunday, 18th April, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson McLaughlin, Jounson-Chishorn - At the residence of the bride's parents, on Wednesday sven-

son, Ronald A. Johnson, of Johnstown N. Y., to Ada Orace, daughter of John SMITH-In Glanford; on Wednesday, 21st April, Nancy, wife of Anson Smith, Esq., aged 70 years.

ing, 28th April, by Rev H. A. Macpher-

THE FARMERS KNEW A prohibitory law is unquestionably a great blessing to any country at the present time, but we must not rest satisfed until people become so well informed regarding their food and drink that pro-

hibitory law is not needed. . The liquor people quote eminent authorities and use ingenuous arguments to defend their get-rich-casy business, but the farmora found out fifty years age that they could not get as much work done on throab ing days when beer was used even moderately. Now the scientists take the question up and prove that the farmers were right. On this subject Dr. Woods Hutchima says : "The myth of the food value of beer as fuel to the body ongine was, of course, exploded long ago, but the idea persisted that in some mysterious way if nereased working power. The first toototalers who declared they could do their work as well or better without were greatod with joors and derision, but the number of those so called milk some kept increasing and finally some five or six years ago experts decided to give the subject a horough laboratory tost and tryout. I need not describe the tests; suffice it say, the men, during the days of abetinence turned out from ten to twenty to Twentyfixe per cout more work than they had been averaging before, and as soon as they got back to their liquor their output fell right back to the old level. These tests were made in a beer land upon beer drinkers and they proved conclusively that beer s neither a food per a stimulant. It dogrades his powers instead of increasing

them. A beer drinker is living only part of his normal life." Similar experiments bave been carried out in many places and feveriably with the samo results, that strongth and quickness of body and brain are lessaued by wine, boor or any other alcoholic liquor. Experiments on school children with a very small quantity of wine or bear show that the pupil's powers of learning are much reduc-

The idea is about that our lecal option beer, which contains half an ounce of strong while boy in every glass, is not intextenting. H. Ausort, M.B., M.C.P.S.

JUST A JOKK

An Englishman, talking against, things a America, happened to say to a friend in New-York; "Why even your newsboys can't tako a juku!" The friend replied : "Just try the next one that comes along with some nonsense

and see if he can't answer you." The Englishmen agreed and stepped up to THE FLAG OF FREEDOM-BRITAIN FLAG

Hail countrymen of valor, love and doods, My brothormen Canadians, patriots strong : Our hoarts are with you in the souls who

The cause of right where Freedom's flag doth roign-To lift the oppress'd mass from despot's Thocause of right that spurns the tyrant's chain :

The glory of that flags float high in air-Thy sons and darghters are with you, in Our soldier-boys ay's ready overywhere

Jour part. w The tyrant rule of German-Huna w spurn: Those reprobates of Europe's darkened

Our faith, and daughters, broken each in To satiste the lange of German hate. Hell flends, and bell let loose from Ger

wagon, with its creaking springs and pasture, just beyond the lane fonce, and It was the left, and not the right front But pride and greed devoured in marrie To lap a world's blood from virtue's ken. Vain pride of intellect debased in vice. Or grovelling monget the high-class spice

> - from grace,-To fawn and food, to please a Kaiper's Avaunt the pyschol, in his serpent's lair, Avaunt the despot, on his throne of blood :

To stausch the tyrant's lust, -where men had stood. (Written in admiration of the Two officers and men. From a Clansman in

A CRYING NEED FOR MORE FOOD

It is estimated that ferty million men are boaring arms in the present titanic atrusvast regions idle. Ten nations are on rations, and six in distressing lack of food.

belp to make up the deficit in lands that to food our soldiers and our allies. Our country is exceptionally well situated, for a vessel can make four trips-from-Canada to England in the time occupied by one trip from Australia. Our present production falls far short of what ought to be done. The acreage of

wheat, oats; barley, and potatoes was nearly 365,000 less in 1916 than in 1915, and the yield declined by mere than 73 million bushels. Between 1914 and 1916 the yield of petatoes fell from 26,717,567 bushels to 7,408,420 bushels The Ontario Department of Agriculture is proud of the many patriotic acts of the Ontario farmers and realizes to the full the

difficulties the farmer is working under. Through the Ontario Government Public Employment Burseux a determined -effort is being mude to secure a large amount of farm-trained labor and it is hoped that the farmer will make full use of same and pro duce large crops this season, for every pound of which large prices are likely to

BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE

"The inner side of every cloud Is bright and shining,

If you, to find out a man'a real disposition.

take him when he is wet and hungry and

if be is amiable then, dry him and, fill him up and you have an angel. It is so pleasant to always say the right appropriate thing. . A conductor an Iowa road found a pocketbook with \$1,000 in it, which he took much trouble to restore to the owner, an old gentleman travelling with his wife. The old man thanked, him warmly but the old woman said. "It's a good thing somebody seen you pick it up or we never would have seen it again," They ain's no use in kickin', friend, if

your little whine, "I'm feelin" for." or beart may be jost bustin'

The old world laughs at heartaches, friend be they your own or mine : Bo when they ask you how you are, jost

But if you smile the other folks sin't very

real or faucied woo.

The Lawyer-Don't you think \$10. a week is a little too much to demand when he's only making \$50 : The Lady-No. I don't. That's what I used to make him gimme while I was livin'

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The cause of right and God 'gainst mur-

The rights of men to live in peace To thwart opprossors pride. Act well

man's gate, . Untrammaled with the consciousness of

Worming they crawl to enslave a world

To rob the crown of virtue from the fair,"

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