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THE ROAD TO STORY-BOOK LAND

How many children understand
The winding road to Story-Book Land,
The winding road that will lead you straight
Through the enchanted Fairy-Tale Gate?

Gay Block Lane is the starting place:
Chart Row opens beyond a space;
Primer Street comes next in view,
It leads to First-Reader Avenue.

Then comes Second, and Third as well,
Fourth and Fifth—but how can I tell
Just the joint where you make the "turn?"
That depends on how fast you learn.

Oh, Story-Book Land seems far away,
When a frolicsome child would like to play;
But, hour by hour, and minute by minute,
Then—all of a sudden you find yourself in it!

—Annie Willis McCullough.

INCREASED INTEREST IN REGISTRATION OF POULTRY

The number of breeders who are entering birds in the Canadian Egg Laying Contests, conducted by the Dominion Experimental Farms, in order to secure registration, is increasing each year.

In the contests of 1921-22 there were 59 Canadian breeders who had birds qualified for registration. The total number of birds that qualified in that year was 217. In the 1922-23 contests, 126 breeders qualified a total of 577 birds. This spring there is a total of 794 registered females (not counting those that may have died in the meantime) that will be mated.

From the offspring of the 217 females that qualified in the first year about 250 pullets have been entered in the 1923-24 contest, now underway. These pullets are known as second generation birds. It is from these pullets, the offspring of the registered dams, providing they qualify in turn, that the first cockerels eligible for registration will be raised, and it is to have as large a number of these cockerels as possible that breeders are anxious to enter their birds in the contests.

How Poultry is Registered

For the past two years females from Canadian Egg Laying Contests have been registered, and now some of these birds are being mated for their second breeding season. When the pullets from these matings qualify in next year's Laying Contests, and are bred to approved males, the cockerels from these matings, if suitable individuals, will be eligible for registration.

A female that is typical of the breed and has no stand disqualifications, that lays 200 or more eggs, which average 2 ounces each in the contest year, qualifies for registration. It will be noted then that any female that can herself qualify is eligible for registration, but when it comes to the registration of the males this is much more difficult. With the males it is a question of pedigree. In order to have a cockerel registered the qualifications are that his dam and his grand dam must each be registered, and for the first few years his sire and his grand sire must each be approved. After 1927 the sire and grand sire must also be registered. In addition to this the individual cockerel must pass a rigorous examination for stamina, type and standard qualifications. It will be seen therefore that a registered cockerel must be more than the offspring of a good mother; he must have in his veins the combined blood of at least two generations of registered, and good (and later registered) sires.

This gives the registered cockerel qualifications that make him extremely valuable as a breeder.—F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman.

OAT HULLS IN FEEDING STUFFS

In recent years, due largely to the passing of the Feeding Stuffs Act in 1920, much has been accomplished in preventing the adulteration of feeding stuffs. In Circular No. 11 of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, the use and place of oat hulls in feeding stuffs is dealt with. Oat hulls, it is stated, contain very little nutritive material and are exceedingly difficult to digest, and feeds containing a high percentage of hulls have not infrequently been blamed for causing injury and even death.

The Feeding Stuffs Act is designed to make it possible for every purchaser of feeding stuffs to know exactly what he is buying. Among other provisions it required a statement of ingredients to accompany each container of commercial feeding stuff or mixed chop offered for sale. Any feed of which oat hulls from a part should show their presence on the label.

Oat hulls are sometimes offered as an unmixed product, in which case they are invariably pulverized and appear on the market under attractive brand names, frequently without the labelling required under the Feeding Stuffs Act. When in mixture, they occur with more or less ground oats and pass as oat chop; or without one or more ingredients as commercial feeding stuffs. In such cases their presence must be stated. They also occur in mill feeds, either with or without screenings. When the provisions of the Act are complied with, the use of oat hulls in feeding stuffs is quite legal. The important feature is that in cases of suspicion the services of an inspector should be sought.

Protection is directly afforded against the adulteration of feeding stuffs, either with oat hulls or in any other way, by the fact that under the direction of the Dominion Seed Commissioner, inspectors are stationed throughout Canada whose duty it is to supervise the sale of all feeds, and to take samples of such as may seem suspicious for detailed examination in the Dominion laboratories.—Issued by the Director of Publicity, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

HAD SYMPTOMS

Little Johnnie, aged six, had been to church, and had displayed more than usual interest in the sermon, in which the origin of Eve had been dwelt on at some length.

On his return from service, there being guests at dinner, he had also displayed a good deal of interest in the eatables, especially the pie and cakes.

Some time afterwards, being missed, he was found sitting quietly in a corner with his hands pressed tightly over his ribs, and an expression of awful anxiety on his face.

"Why, what on earth is the matter?" asked his mother in alarm.

"Mamma, I'm afraid I'm going to have a wife," little Johnnie replied.

STILL SUSCEPTIBLE

He was a nervous, fidgety young man, and he looked with considerable apprehension at the woman next him, who held a baby, its face covered with a thick veil. The baby gave now and then a sharp cry, which the woman evidently tried to suppress.

At last, after many anxious glances, the young man spoke.

"Has—has that baby any—anything contagious?" he asked.

The woman looked at him with a mixture of scorn and pity.

"Twouldn't be for most folks," she said, in a clear, carrying tone, "but maybe it would for you! He's teething."

Memories

In the morning, there shall be not a doubt,
But a song and glad laughter all about.
Let us think it; let us dream it, if you please;
Let us live it, so 'twill be memories.

Memories! We make them now going on
Through the rich and radiant moments of the dawn!
Let's determine, then, to know every day
Happy moments that shall glow by our way.

Then, when gray and full of years, we can smile,
Living over happy days, afterwhile,
And at evening, there shall be not a doubt,
But eternal promises all about.

—Jay H. Iden.

THE FAMOUS STEPHENSON PLOW

In looking over some documents relating to the early history of Halton county, the other day, I came across this interesting paragraph of local history. A little over fifty years ago William Stephenson, a brother of Anthony and John, who lived in Acton for many years, came to Acton from Knatchbull to talk over the advisability of removing his blacksmithing business to Acton, and manufacturing on a large scale, the Stephenson plow, which had come into popularity among local farmers, a patent for which Mr. Stephenson had secured.

The result of overtures made by Mr. Stephenson was the organization of Acton Plow Company, in 1875. The directors of the new company were Sidney Smith, Eli Snyder, William Stephenson, C. S. Smith and Mr. McGarvin. The company bought from Mr. Sidney Smith property, a part of which is now River Street, and the northerly end of Willow Street, the corporation lot and water privilege now occupied by the Hydro-Electric power plant, and the Mason Knitting Works, and the residence of Mrs. Annie Johnson and Miss Belle Stephenson. A large plow factory was built on the property, and the residence above mentioned was built for Mr. Stephenson's home.

The Stephenson plow was a single frame plow, built on a new principle, and sprang into great favor especially with old country plowmen. The plow was manufactured in large quantities and for a time the company did a large business.

The Centennial Exhibition was held in Philadelphia in 1876, and several fine plows of this new type were placed on exhibition, and entered for competition there. The plow took the first prize medal over all other plows exhibited from all parts of the world. The attention of visitors to this great exhibition was called to its unique construction and simplicity. The Boston Journal of Commerce, of that time, referred to the plow as follows:

"Acton Plow Company—The Stephenson Plow—Among the numerous improvements of the day, shown at this Centennial Exposition, those upon agricultural implements are neither the least ingenious nor the least numerous, and that venerable tool, the plow, now rejoices in a renewal of its youth, which makes it more efficient than it ever was before. Of course Yankee ingenuity has brought out some most valuable points in plough-making, but the general consent seemed to be that the Stephenson plow, show by the Acton Plow Company, of Acton, Ontario, Canada, was undoubtedly the best, as upon enquiry it appeared the cheapest on exhibition. The company showed single and double frame plows, provided with steel landsides and mouldboards. In these plows the share, instead of being made as usual, with a socket, is manufactured from a solid piece, having a shank which enters a solid wrought iron socket, forged on the end of the standard. Hence, the share will wear longer, keep firmer in place, and can be laid with less trouble than any other share made, as there is no socket to interfere. Owing to the extreme simplicity of its construction it can be made of any desired length, width or thickness on the land side, without altering any other part of the plow, and it can be set to or from land by simply heating the shank and bending it in any desired direction, without loosening bolts or nuts, or taking the plow apart. The coulter is made with a round shank, which enables it to be set readily in any required position, as either to or from land, erect or slanting backward. The latter position is of great advantage, as it obviates the choking up of the plow with weeds or grass seeds. The plow can be regulated to run at any desired depth in any soil, by a screw placed at the heel of the plow, which raises or lowers the land side, and allows the plow to run on the whole sole plate or bottom, even after it has been greatly worn. There are other improvements especially connected with the land side, by which the proper adjustment of a new sole plate is secured."

Well, that all sounds good, doesn't it? But, remember, that was nearly fifty years ago, and alas, and alack! the Stephenson plow is entirely unknown to the present generation. Not one of them is to be seen now anywhere, unless it be in some fence corner of the old farm which has remained in the family during the half century. Not one of the directors is left, though a few of us can remember when they were all with us. The $20,000.00 of stock put into the company vanished in a few years, like the winter's snow, and not one of the shareholders ever received a dollar of interest or principal, unless, perhaps, it was the inventor himself. People got tired of the new-fangled plow in a very short time, and expenses of introduction and sale ate up profits, if any, and eventually all the capital. Mr. Stephenson went to the Northwest and for years worked upon a power plow which used straw for fuel. Eventually he invented an outfit which won favor on large farms for a while.

The last vestige of the old Acton Plow Company plant disappeared when Thomas Elbago's planing mill, which had been built alongside, was destroyed by fire on a winter's day about twenty-five years ago.

Thus the things of this world pass away and are forgotten.

The Old Man

A COMMON ADVENTURE

When the boy went through the car with papers, Elva Merrill bought one and glanced carelessly through it pages. Presently her eye fell on a paragraph which she read through twice, with the color rising in her face. Only strangers were near, but she looked about at them nervously and then, folding the paper, sat staring uncomfortably out of the window.

She was remembering this incident in her own experience:

Four girls, coming out of a matinee performance, stopped on the sidewalk.

"Come on!" one of them exclaimed. "Lots of girls do. Why, in New York Dorothy Grant went to the stage entrance to thank Maude Adams for her acting, and got an invitation to call at the hotel and an autograph picture. Think of that! No, we won't speak to him, of course, but he'll know we're the same girls that sat down in front and applauded so. Wasn't he magnificent, and didn't he look straight at us when he sang that encore, Elva? Oh, I'm always going to get a front seat after this. It's lots more fun. Come on, girls, do! It's just a step up in this alley."

The stage people were already coming out as the girls ranged themselves in the front row of curious onlookers outside the door, and soon the watched-for hero appeared, so close that they might reach out and touch his arm. Instead of doing so, they clutched each other with the excited whisper, "There he is!" And although he did not hear, the grizzled man to whom he was talking gave him a nudge, and nodded with a grin toward the row of raptured young faces.

For one instant the girls were thrilled by a glance from the hero himself, then, with a sickening drop, they heard him mutter, "Poor little fools!" as he walked on with his companion.

It was medicine—bitter, but good for their malady.

That was the memory in Elva's mind, and the editorial comment that had grated so unpleasantly upon it was as follows:

"We are all familiar with the bald-headed dudes who line up at the side doors of theatres to ogle the chorus girls as they come out. A more pitiable and equally disgusting spectacle is that of silly matinee girls waiting at stage entrances for a possible glance or word from some cheap actor whom they, in their romantic little minds, have lionized. Unfortunately this sort of adventure is extremely common—in both sexes—and it is a notable fact that these girls are by no means exclusively from the untaught, homeless classes."

STORAGE RELIGION

The day was rainy, and Mrs. McLean had sent Betty and little Judith to the attic to play. A trunk, full of old dresses; trinkets and papers, first attracted the children's attention. They gradually unpacked it, and dressed themselves in their mother's out-of-date finery. But after a while this palled on them, and Betty began to read some of the old letters in the bottom of the trunk. Finally she found a letter of dismissal from a church in the Middle West where her parents had lived seven years before. Waving the letter, she hurried downstairs to her mother, and cried:

"O mother, mother! I found your religion upstairs in a trunk!"

A look of sadness came over her mother's face as she remembered the happy days that she and her husband had spent as loyal workers in the little Western church.

When they came East they had made friends of a different sort—pleasure-seeking men and women who ignored the church and what it stood for. The McLeans had gradually drifted into the same ways. But the training of years could not so easily be broken. A secret feeling that all was not well kept gnawing at the mother's heart. It grew more intense as she saw her husband's moral fibre slackening.

This new life had been vastly more exciting than the old life in the sleepy little Western town, with its narrow outlook and simple, sturdy adherence to religious ideals; but she knew it was shallower, meaner and more commonplace. And now her own child had risen up to challenge her thinness of soul, to condemn her faithlessness.

That evening she and her husband had a long talk. He was slower to admit the mistake they had made, but at last he came to the conclusion that his wife was right—right so far as their own lives were concerned, right in a deeper sense when he considered how they had been starving their children's religious natures. The McLeans began to go to church again the following Sunday.

The new life was not so exciting as that they had been living, but it was immensely more rewarding. The old moral ideals began to loom upon the horizon of their lives again like mountain peaks climbing out of the mists, their consciences suffered to duty, and the inner peace that they had long lost came back; a peace and a sense of right living that pleasure-seeking cannot give.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

It is not true that equality is a law of nature. Nature has no equality. Its sovereign law is subordination and dependence.—Vauvenargues.

Responsibilities gravitate to the person who can shoulder them and power flows to the man who knows how.—Hubbard.

Cowards die many times before their death; the valiant never taste of death but once.—Shakespeare.

No villian need be! Passion spins the plot; We are betrayed by that which is within.—George Meredith.

Tears are the safety-valves of the heart when too much pressure is laid on it.—Albert Smith.

Soldiers looked at us as they ought to be are to the world as poppies to cornfields.—Douglas Jerrold.

It is but a poor eloquence which only shows that the orator can talk.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

We should not ask who is the most learned, but who is the best learned.—Montaigne.

WHY IT STOPPED

The dear old lady went up to the taxicab driver and told him to drive her to the British Museum.

"Right-ho, mum," replied the man. "Jump in!"

But the old lady stood her ground.

"Not until you've started the engine," she said. The driver got down from his seat and started the engine with half a turn of the crank.

Proceeding up a steep hill, the engine suddenly slacked off and then stopped dead.

The old lady put her head out of the window, and, with a knowing smile, said to the driver:

"Ah, driver, I thought you didn't wind it up enough."—Answers.

Neighborhood News--Town and Country

BURLINGTON

Mr. W. C. Kerns left last Saturday evening for Florida, where he will spend the month of March.

Mr. Lionel Tinning, of Lyndon, has purchased the Matthews' store, and took it over on Freeman.

On Thursday last the Vocational Classes held a social evening for the members of the classes, the teachers and the Vocational Committee and Board.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church are arranging an entertainment to be held on St. Patrick's Night in the schoolroom.

Mr. Robert Johnston, one of the most respected and best-known residents of Burlington and district, celebrated his 95th birthday at his home on the lake shore road last Thursday. Mr. Johnston has spent most of his life around Burlington, and can recall many incidents and anecdotes pertaining to the town and district.—Gazette.

ERIN

The new Horticultural Society has been organized and a canvass for membership is in progress.

Rev. John E. Pettit has resigned his pastorate of the Baptist Churches of Brooke and Enniskillen to accept the charge at Hillsburg, Erin and Helifountain.

The regular monthly meeting of the Helfountain and Rockside Women's Institute was held on Friday, at the home of Mrs. Brown, Sr., Helfountain.

Mr. D. L. Mundell and Mr. E. Wright are making fairly good progress on the new house which Mr. Mundell commenced to build last fall.

Mr. John Thompson, of Saskatoon, Sask., returned home last week, after visiting with his brother, Mr. Henry Thompson, Orton.

The Ladies' Aid of Burns' Church will put on a St. Patrick's tea on Monday, March 17.

Mr. J. R. Hamilton, Mrs. Jas. Justice and Mrs. R. W. Hulf attended the funeral of the late Sarah Walker at Toronto on Tuesday of last week.

There is to be a meeting held in the town hall, Erin, to-day (Thursday) for the purpose of organizing an Egg Circle. Mr. Benson, of the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and Mr. Clemens, Agricultural Representative, of Arthur, will be present, and address the meeting.

Real estate has again changed hands in Hillsburg. Messrs. Donaldson and McMillan have sold the town hall to Messrs. Awrey and Nixon, who intend putting many needed improvements on it in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McMillan and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McMillan and children spent Hillsburg last week for their home in Scotsguard, Sask., after spending the winter with friends in this vicinity.

The Minstrel Show, put on in the town hall here on Friday evening by the Caledon Minstrel Club, under the auspices of the Erin Lacrosse Club, was greeted with a full house, and all enjoyed the music, wit and humorous jokes throughout the programme which brought forth prolonged applause. The coffers of both clubs are much fattened by the splendid receipts. Advocate.

GEORGETOWN

Mr. S. Kirk attended the Canadian Florists' Executive meeting at Ottawa last week.

Miss Lorna Kennedy, of Acton, spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Mary Vannatter.

Messrs. Erwin & Goldham have installed a new up-to-date refrigerator plant.

Master Glenn Ryan picked a pansy in full bloom in his aunt's garden on Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. H. Buchanan had the misfortune to fall on her floor last Wednesday and fracture her right arm at the wrist.

The annual meeting of the local Council of Women was held on Tuesday last, with a good representative attendance. A resolution of protest against another plebiscite re prohibition was passed unanimously. Copy is being sent to the Premier and Mr. Hillmer, Halton's M. P. P. Election of officers resulted as follows: President, Miss Dayfoot; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. H. P. Lawson and Mrs. Mathew; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hettie Lawson; Recording Secretary, (protem) Miss Georgina Young; Treasurer, Mrs. H. R. Mimms.

Chief Jackson has been appointed assistant collector of water rates for the year 1924.

James Miller has been appointed caretaker of the Silvercreek Reservoir at a salary of $40 for the year 1924.

When the canvass for members in the Horticultural Society is in progress this spring, cheer the directors in their efforts; become a member, and secure your ticket.

The annual meeting of the Grenfell Mission was held at the home of Mrs. H. P. Lawson on Tuesday afternoon when the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lawson; Vice-President, Mrs. Johnston; Executive, Mrs. H. W. Kennedy, Mrs. Elmer Thompson, Mrs. Oliver McKay, Mrs. (Dr.) Watson, Miss Dayfoot. The annual tea and shower will be held in the Public Library on April 15.—Herald.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. White, housekeeper for E. H. Gulledge, slipped and fell on the stairway on Tuesday and broke her leg just above the right ankle.

Gladys Jones Morgan will sing in the Methodist Church on Thursday evening, April 10.

Mr. Liman Burdette Smith, of Buffalo, is visiting his cousin, Mr. W. H. Smith, of town.

Mr. J. P. McDermott, who went to Los Angeles, Cal, for the benefit of his health, writes home that he is benefitting very much by the change.

Complaints have been made to Chief Kerr concerning duck shooting on the lake. This is against the law as ducks are out of season and it will be rather costly for the persons if caught.

Mr. A. Anderson, of the Oakville Dairy, last week received a gash on the back of his left hand from a bursting milk bottle, also a severed artery. Six stitches were required to draw the wound together.

Mr. W. H. Wyndham, Principal of the Oakville High School, who recently underwent a serious operation at Wesley Hospital, Toronto, had sufficiently recovered to be able to return home on Saturday.

A dog show was held in Toronto on Thursday last. Mr. J. A. Meadows, of Oakville, won three special prizes with "Hefty Argo." The prizes were a bronze medal for best bulldog in the show, silver spoon for best puppy or novice, and hand painted tea pot for the best pup in show, of all breeds.

For several days the fishermen of Bronte have been working hard to cut a channel through the ice banks, which formed across the mouth of the river during the recent storm. On Monday they succeeded in launching two or three boats belonging to Messrs. Bray and Joyce, who then proceeded out on the lake to set nets for the first time in a long while.

On Monday, November 26, 1923, the first brick was laid on the wall of the new Masonic Temple by Bro. W. A. Deane, 33 degree, K. T., A. A. O. N. M. S. The work has progressed very favorably since the above date, considering the inclemency of the weather, and on Friday last the last brick was laid on the outer wall. This week will see the roof completed.—Record.

ROCKWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Scott, Eramosa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lillian Gertrude, to George Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey, Erin township, the marriage to take place quietly this month.

Mr. Robert Johnston and son lost a horse, valued at $250, last week.

Mrs. W. Gardiner and Mrs. G. H. Pearen visited Mrs. James A. Watson at Georgetown, last week.

Mrs. Wm. Jago, of Toronto, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Croft.

Mr. James Fitzsimmons, who has been in the Guelph Hospital for the past three months is in a critical condition.

Mr. George H. Milne, of Newton, has been appointed agent of the Canadian National Railway here, lately vacated by Mr. A. T. Squires.

Mr. D. S. Hamilton, highway superintendent, spent a few days in Toronto in connection with the highway interests in this division, last week.

The friends of Mr. Alfred Watson were pleased to see his familiar face in town last week. Mr. Watson has not visited here since his removal to Acton about a year ago.

Mrs. Isaac Thaker was taken to the Guelph Hospital last week, owing to an accident, which occurred as the children were sleigh-riding down the post office hill. They collided with Mrs. Thaker, and throwing her to the ground, she was injured.

Mr. John Talbot, of Grainger, Alta., who, after an absence of ten years, has been home for two months, visiting his friends here, has returned to his home in Alberta.

The annual meeting of the Rockwood Junior Farmers' organization was held last week. A fair representation of the organization was in attendance. The meeting was addressed by Prof. J. C. Sheckley, of the O. A. C., Guelph, who gave an interesting talk on the work of the organization. The officers for the year were then elected as follows: President, Percy Peavoy; Vice-President, Earl Hofild.

Mr. John Gibbons, Secretary of the Rockwood Agricultural Society, has just received the list of awards in the combined standing field crop and threshed grain competition, in Eramosa township for 1923. The total field and bin scores obtainable are 100 points each, the total scores being based on 60% of the field score obtained, and 40% of the bin score. The awards are as follows:

Banner Oats—1, Arch. McNabb, Rockwood; 2, Jos. Cahan, Rockwood; 3, T. G. Hutchinson, Rockwood; 4, Sims McLean, Rockwood; 5, Joseph Stovel, Rockwood; 6, R. R. Rudd and Son, Rockwood.

While all the above winners are to be congratulated on the high standards attained, Mr. Joseph Stovel deserves special mention on his record bin score of 97 points. Mr. Joseph Cahan has secured second place for three years in succession. His sample this year tested 100 per cent. germination in 6 days, and weighed 38 lbs. to the bushel. The first prize sample also weighed 38 lbs. per bushel. Mr. Arch. McNabb also has a record of two firsts in three years. With such samples as the above, this locality should be a splendid place in which to secure high grade seed.

Stupidity sometimes protects us from being deceived by a clever man.—La Rochefoucauld.

It is not what you lose, but what you have daily to bear, that is hard.—Thackeray.

Feels Ten Years Younger

Mrs. Sage Gets Great Benefit from Dreco and Recommends it to Anyone Who is Suffering from Stomach Troubles

"I can hardly realize that I am the same person," says Mrs. S. Sage, of 22 Batavia Avenue, Toronto. "I feel ten years younger and enjoy every meal, something that has been impossible with me for years.

"I was chronically constipated and my stomach was out of order, feeling full of gas and nauseated. I would suffer from bilious attacks which would often cause me to go to bed and dizzy spells would come over me. I was very nervous and never felt rested—and truly, this complication of troubles was making life a misery.

"I was told about Dreco by some of my friends who had received great benefits from it and from the very first week's treatment I began to notice considerable improvement.

"The beneficial results I obtained from just three bottles really surprised me for I'm feeling grand these days. The sharp rheumatic pains which were across my back and through my body have entirely disappeared and I have no more gastric troubles or bilious attacks while the Dreco laxative tablets are the best thing I ever tried for constipation.

"I cannot praise Dreco enough. There is hardly a day passes but what I tell some one about it. I recommend Dreco heartily to anyone having stomach troubles."

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MILTON

The late William Doble, President of the E. W. Gillett Co., of Toronto, was a Milton boy. He left an estate of $380,850.

The Town Council has passed a resolution refusing to grant waterworks privileges to any person outside the town limits hereafter.

Mr. John King, of Hornby, is ill at the home of his son here, Dr. J. L. King.

George Gilbert, who has been seriously ill at his home on Mill Street, has recovered sufficiently to be able to resume work.

Fred Duncan has sold his brick dwelling on Woodward Avenue here to Archibald McKinnon, of Hillsburg, who gets possession on May 1.

The annual St. Patrick's Bazaar, under the auspices of Knox Church Ladies' Aid, will be held in the school room of the church on Friday, March 14.

In regard to inquiries re the sewerage proposition for the town, we understand the question will at no distant date be submitted to the electors for their approval.

Robert Conley, of Milton, who has returned from a visit to his old home in England, thinks Canada is about the luckiest country of the lot, at the present stage of the world's affairs.

Millicent Gilbey, the 12-year-old daughter of William and Mrs. Gilbey, of Prince Street, underwent a serious operation in the Hamilton General Hospital a few days ago, and is making progress towards recovery.

Mr. George Gowling, who has been on a trip to Texas, returned home Monday evening. He brought home some grape fruit grown down there, which, with his characteristic generosity, he has been dividing up with his friends in town.

About two weeks ago Miss Mabel Hume left here for Tampa, Florida, for the benefit of her health, but shortly after reaching there she was taken very ill. A very critical operation followed, but spinal meningitis rapidly developed, and she passed away early Monday morning. Deceased was the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hume, Martin Street, and a graduate nurse. Her body will be brought to Milton for interment.—Reformer.

HARDLY NEGOTIABLE

Stories have been told of buttons, tacks, and various extraneous substances found in contribution-boxes, but it is seldom that a church-member strikes a blow so severe as was that delivered by Amos Budd, of Potterville on one occasion.

It was at the close of a missionary sermon that Mr. Budd, whose want it was to contribute ten cents to each of the charities to the support of which the church subscribed, was seen to take a blue slip from his pocket and look at it keenly and affectionately.

When, after a slight but evident hesitation, he dropped the slip, carefully folded, into the box, Deacon Lane, who was passing it, could hardly refrain from an exclamation of joy.

"The Lord will bless you, Brother Budd," he said, when the sermon was over, hurrying down the aisle to overtake the prosperous grocer.

"I hope so," returned Mr. Budd, dryly, "but I'm afraid you ca'late on that being a cheque that I dropped in the box. It wa'n't. 'Twas a receipted bill for kerosene the church owed me last year, and it had been overlooked. Of course, its jest the same as money, though, when you come to that."

THE LOCAL FORECAST

Mr. Flaherty surveyed the clear sky with a frown. "It'll sure be raining today," he announced, gloomily.

"What makes you say that?" asked his friend.

"Because," said Mr. Flaherty, "I've taken notice that when I don't expect it to rain at all, that's the time it does, an' nobody could be expecting it to-day, wid a sky like that."

THE RETORT PRACTICAL

Moscheles, the most distinguished teacher of the pianoforte of his time, was particularly proud of his staccato playing. One day, when the hand of an American pupil had been unusually heavy, the musician turned upon him.

"If the keys of the piano were red-hot pokers," he said, "you would never think of allowing your fingers to rest on them!"

"I guess," the American replied, dryly, "if they were red-hot pokers I should not touch them at all."

A YANKEE IDEA

The latest improvement in agricultural machinery comes from the agricultural college at Ames, Iowa. It is an automatic plow, independent of any human control. As long as it is supplied with gasoline it will work its way back and forth night and day across the level Iowa fields. The plow is the ingenious invention of Prof. J. B. Davidson, of the engineering department of Iowa state college. Without the sign of a plowman the motor driven machine turns over long neat rows of the soil on the college farm. The machine bears very little resemblance to the ordinary plow. It runs on two large wheels which support the motor, one running in the furrow to guide the machine, the other on the unplowed ground, but instead of turning around like a man-driven outfit, at the end of the furrow an antennae-like affair hits the fence, and a second plow, which is hung suspended out in front drops down. The machine reverses, shifts over, and starts back across the field with the other plow in the air.

WHISTLERIAN MALICE

"Whistler always brought a spirit of fun with him," says the late Lord Redesdale in his recently published Memories; and the incident that follows appears to confirm his lordship's words:

"There came a day when, to my great regret, Whistler made up his mind to leave the old house in which he had lived for fourteen years and to build the "White House" in Tite Street mainly prompted, so he told me, by the wish to show what he could achieve in decoration. F. W. Godwin was the architect, and it was not long before they quarrelled over the work. In commemoration of which Whistler caused a stone to be inserted in the front of the house, engraved with the words:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that built it. E. W. Godwin, F. S. A., built this house."

The stone has long since disappeared. Godwin died in 1886, and 1888 Whistler married his widow—a quaint ending to an artistic feud.

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AUCTION SALE

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF ERAMOSA

VALUABLE FARM HOMESTEAD

The undersigned—has received instructions from the executors of the LATE STEWART McCUTCHEON to sell by Public Auction, subject to a reserve bid, at the Winter Fair Buildings, Guelph, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1924

at 11.30 a. m.:

THE HOMESTEAD of the late Stewart McCutcheon, situated on the third line of Erin, about 6 miles from Acton, 2½ miles from Ospringe, containing 150 acres, more or less. The hundred acres being the west half of Lot 9, in the 4th Concession, and the fifty acres being part of the east half of Lot 9 in the 3rd Concession. This farm is a level clay loam, well watered by a never failing spring creek, also good well, with windmill with water piped to house and barn.

There is 115 acres under cultivation, balance pasture and timber. There is 35 acres seeded down. Fall plowing nearly all done.

On the farm is erected a good two-storey eight-roomed house, with back kitchen, woodshed and garage; a good barn, 50x60; driving shed, 30x40, with stone pig pen beneath.

This should be a very desirable farm for mixed farming, being counted as one of the best in the township, and in a good state of cultivation. Rural mail and telephone line at the door.

TERMS—10 per cent. of purchase price on day of sale. 30 per cent. when possession is given, and the balance may be left on a mortgage for 5 years at 6 per cent.

For further particulars apply to

DAVID A. McCUTCHEON, Ospringe P. O., Ont.

ROY HINDLEY, Auctioneer, Erin Phone.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN ESQUESING TOWNSHIP

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, FURNITURE, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

BEN HOBBS

to sell by Public Auction at lot 31, concession 5, Esquesing, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1924

at one o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES — 1 3-year-old gelding, broken to harness; 1 10-year-old gelding, broken to harness; 1 mare, broken to harness.

COWS—1 red Durham cow, 6 years, freshened; 1 roan cow, 5 years, due April 9; 1 Holstein cow, 7 years, due April 18; 1 roan cow, 9 years, due May 15; 1 black cow, 5 years, due July 6; 1 Holstein cow, 8 years, due July 27; 1 Jersey cow, 8 years, freshened; 1 Jersey cow, 6 years, due May 6; 1 heifer, 2 years; 2 fat steers, 2 years; 1 Jersey heifer, 1 year old; 4 yearlings; 1 calf; 2 one-year-old steers; 1 two-year-old heifer, bred.

PIGS—1 Yorkshire sow, due April 4; brood sow, Yorkshire, due last of March; 1 straight York sow, due time of sale.

POULTRY — 50 hens, Plymouth Rock; 3 Plymouth Rock roosters.

GRAIN AND HAY—Quantity of hay and grain.

IMPLEMENTS—1 cultivator; Frost & Wood binder; 1 mower, Massey-Harris; 1 new disc drill; 1 set of harrows; 1 Fleury plow; 1 sod plow; 1 wagon; 1 set of sleighs; 1 fanning mill; 1 buggy; 1 buggy pole; 1 12-disc Cockshutt drill, good as new.

FURNITURE—All household furniture; 1 gramophone and records; 1 cream separator.

HARNESS—2 set of harness; odds and ends.

No Reserve

TERMS—$10.00 and under, cash; over that amount 10 months' credit on furnishing approved joint notes. 5% off for cash.

R. J. KERR, Auctioneer, Phone 36, Acton.

C. O. BLANK, Clerk.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN ERAMOSA TOWNSHIP

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from

GEO. E. MACK

to sell by Public Auction at his farm, lot 16 east, concession 6, Brumosa, situated on the 7th line, 1 mile above Everton, on

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1924

at one o'clock sharp, the following:

HORSES—bay mare, rising 6 years, general purpose; bay mare, rising 10 years, general purpose. This is a well matched team, and good in all harness. Black Clyde gelding, rising 11 years; bay Clyde gelding, rising 10 years; brown Percheron colt, rising 1 year.

PURE—BRED—POLLED—ANGUS CATTLE—Victoria of Erin, No. 9526, calf at foot; Bates Beauty 5th, No. 13214, calf at foot; Alice of Aberdeen, No. 22914, calf at foot; Sunny Hill Florence, No. 15421, due in April. These are extra good Angus cows, and their calves have been winners at the Royal, Chicago, and Guelph. Heifer calf, 10 months old, eligible for registration. This is a real show calf. 3 heifer calves, 6 months old, eligible for registration.

GRADE CATTLE—Red cow, fresh, with calf at foot; Jersey cow, milking well, bred December 28; white cow, well forward in calf; black and white cow, in full flow of milk.

PIGS—York sow, due April 17; York sow, due May 29; 15 choice chunks.

SHEEP AND POULTRY—16 extra good grade Oxford ewes, supposed to be in lamb. 35 hens.

IMPLEMENTS — Massey - Harris binder, 6 foot cut; Massey-Harris mower, 6 foot cut; Massey-Harris 13-hoe seed drill—combined; Coulter & Scott 12 tooth cultivator; steel horse rake; Fleury 13 foot harrow; Crown two-furrow plow; No. 7 Tolton plow; lumber wagon; set of bobsleighs; top buggy; Rain combination hay or stock rack; cutter; open buggy. These implements, with one or two exceptions, are all nearly new. Wheelbarrow; stoneboat; 1½ yard gravel box; grain bags; forks, hoes, shovels, chains, etc.

HARNESS—1 set of team harness with breeching; 1 set plow harness; 1 set single harness; 4 horse blankets.

HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS—DeLaval separator, in good repair; Red Star washing machine, new; Daisy churn.

A quantity of hay and grain.

Positively No Reserve as the Farm is Rented

TERMS—$10.00 and under, cash; over that amount 12 months' credit on approved joint notes. 5% off for cash. Poultry, hay, grain, cash.

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