A YOUNG LADY'S SOLILOQUY

Uselessly, aimlessly, drifting thro' life,
What was I born for? For somebody's wife
I'm told by my mother. Well, that being true,
Somebody keeps himself strangely from view,
And if naught but marriage will settle my fate,
I believe I shall die in an unsettled state;
For, though I'm not ugly—pray what woman is?
You might easily find a more beautiful phiz
And then, as for temper and manners, 'tis plain,
He who seeks for perfection will seek here in vain.
Nay, in spite of these drawbacks, my head is perverse,
And I should not feel grateful "for better or worse,"
To take the first booby who graciously came
To offer those treasures, his home and his name.
I think, then, my chances of marriage are small,
But why should I think of such chances at all?
My brothers are, all of them, younger than I,
Yet they thrive in the world, and why not let me try?
I know that in business I'm not an adept,
Because from such matters most strictly I'm kept.
But—this is the question that troubles my mind—
Why am I not trained up to work of some kind?
Uselessly, aimlessly drifting thro' life,
Why should I wait to be "Somebody's wife?"

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, September 26th, 1918

At Brampton Fair, W. O. Devgrell took a number of prizes on his exhibit of ten birds—4 Langshans, 2 Buff Orpingtons and 4 White Orpingtons. He was also very successful at Oakville Fair.

The "keep to the right" silent policeman, at Mill and Main Streets, is quite an improvement and is rendering traffic there much less likely to accident

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIntosh have taken up their residence in Acton

Mr. Fred Hunter and family have removed to Kitchener They resided in Acton for sixteen years and are held in high esteem.

Mr. and Mrs J. J. Peters and Willard, of Cloversville, N.Y., spent a couple of days in Acton, while on a motor trip through Canada

John P. Worden was engaged as school janitor, at a salary of $700 per annum, and Miss Isabel Anderson was engaged as teacher, duties to commence November 1st. Eight applications were received for the new position of teacher

The Nassagaweya School Fair held at Brookville last Friday, was an unqualified success.

MARRIED

HAVILL-BRADBURY At St. Jude's Church, Oakville, on Thursday, 19th September, 1918, by Rev. Canon Woodcock, Frank E Havill, Montreal, son of Ex-Wardgn George Havill Acton to Valentina, daughter of the late C A Bradbury, of Oakville

DIED

DENYES Fell in action in France on September 2nd, 1918, Pte Alexander Meachiman Denyes, 11th Canadian I T M.B., only son of P S Inspector J. M and Mrs Denyes, Milton, in his 20th year.

SOMERVILLE At Fort William, on Monday, September 23rd, 1918, Adam Watt Somerville beloved husband of Annie Harvey

BID BEND HIGHWAY NEARING COMPLETION

The last line in the Trans-Canada Highway between Winnipeg and the Pacific coast will be forged with the completion of the final stretch of the "Big Bend" highway, which is being built around the great northern bend of the Columbia River, between the towns of Golden and Revelstoke British Columbia Only fifteen miles of the 180-mile highway remain to be constructed, and efforts are being made to have the road open to traffic in 1939 At present a daily railway automobile transport service in each direction between Golden and Revelstoke enables motorists to bridge the unfinished gap Reports received so far this year indicate that the all-Canadian route from the prairies to the Pacific is particularly popular with visiting motorists

The "Big Bend" highway passes through a magnificent mountain region within sight of snowfields glaciers and all the other charms of a truly alpine world For the greater part of the way the road skirts the Columbia River affording splendid views of the snow-capped Selkirk Mountains and of the giant peaks which form part of the main divide of the Rockies About sixty miles north of Donald, British Columbia, the road passes through one of the finest stands of virgin timber in the country Here giant cedar trees, having butts from six to ten feet in diameter, rise high about the sides of the roadway along with fine specimens of Engleman spruce which reach a height of 150 feet Stately firs from three to four feet in diameter are also found in scattered groves

The completion of the "Big Bend" highway will provide a direct all-Canadian route from Schreiber about 125 miles east of the twin cities of Port Arthur and Fort William in Western Ontario and the Prairie Provinces to the Pacific coast, and will mean much to the development of tourist and commercial motor travel through the mountains of Western Canada. The only other uncompleted section of the Trans-Canada Highway, which will ultimately extend from Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Vancouver, British Columbia, a distance of approximately 3,500 miles, is that in northwestern Ontario.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG CLOCK TOWER

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Shy and boisterous, lusty, sweet,
Thousands of children are in the street.
Children who loiter and skip and plod,
Each one dear in the sight of God
Boys on bicycles girls on skates
Laden with books and balls and slates,
Teasing, chattering, careless, gay,
Love them, kneel for them, pray who may
Take a minute and slow your car
Don't just dodge them a little head
Can't be seen, when there's Death ahead
The car you're driving may just shut out
The small quick figure that darts about.
And you'd punish the bully who strikes a lad,
But your car's a brute when you drive like a bad
And if Death happens and you are the cause
You may get free of the penal laws,
But nothing in life can set you free
From the tongues of men and your memory

Anne Sutherland Brooks

After a two weeks interruption I can get down again to my recollections of Acton streets and Bower Avenue in particular

Rev Jacob E Howell M A was the minister who succeeded Rev Joseph Edge and lived in the brick house on Bower Avenue Mr Howell came to Acton from Goderich His pastorate here commenced in July 1894 He was a good preacher and stood high among the leaders of the church in his day He was elected President of Guelph Conference in 1899 I heard an old member of that Conference tell one time of an incident in Mr Howell's speech before the Conference when he rose to thank the brethren for the honors conferred He was escorted to the platform by Rev Joseph Holmes and Rev Andrew Cunningham and was introduced by his predecessor in the presidential chair Rev George Richardson The first sentence of his address were these words "This is way I long have sought and mourned because I found it not" This, of course was spoken in a jocular fashion Nevertheless it touched rather deeply some aspirants for presidential honors whose hope deferred was a trifle hard to bear

Mr Howell had a successful ministry here for three years He was then stationed at Waterloo and upon completion of his term there was sent to Beamsville His last charge was at Hanover After two years of faithful service he was taken ill and died at Hanover on September 18th 1903 He was sixty-eight years of age and had a faithful ministry of forty years to his credit

Upon the death of her husband Mrs Howell removed to Belleville the home city of the family Here she died

Succeeding Rev. Mr. Howell the next minister to make this Bower Avenue brick house the home of himself and family was Rev. James A. McLachlan, M.A. This old Conference minute book I borrowed shows that he came to Acton from Waterloo, in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. McLachlan made many friends during their stay here. He was an active worker and the church prospered during his ministry. It was in his term that the new cut stone foundation was put under the church, the choir loft built, and other improvements made. Mr. McLachlan also lived in the esteem of his brethren. He was elected President of the Conference at Brantford, in 1917. Mrs. McLachlan has been an energetic worker, especially in missionary activities. The members of their family have made names for themselves which are very creditable.

When Mr McLachlan went from Acton to Port Elgin, Rev. Jas. M. Hagar, M.A., who was transferred from Montreal Conference, was stationed here He had a short pastorate, being only two years in charge here. Mr Hagar was a very good preacher, but was not as popular as some of the Methody preachers we've had in Acton. Some people said he was more dogmatic than the bulk of the congregation appreciated Anyway, I remember seeing quite a number of the Methodist folks at our kirk to hear our own Hughie Macpherson when he was at his best But Mr Macpherson always attracted the people during the eight years he was with us

Well, Mr Hagar and his family went to Port Dover from Acton, and shortly after he superannuated and went to live in California When they left the brick house it was no longer used as a Parsonage The church secured other premises and finally purchased the comfortable brick residence on Willow Street, now the home of Mr and Mrs Charles Mason

The next family to make their home in the brick house on Bower Avenue was Mr James Moore Both Mr and Mrs Moore were long-time residents of this community Mr Moore had the Township of Nicol in Wellington County, as his birthplace and came to Acton with his parents, in 1846 They settled on the first line, where Mr and Mrs I. O. Johnston and Mr and Mrs Roy Johnstone and daughter Verena Rose, now reside

Mrs Moore her first was Jane Speight, was the first born child of John and Susan Speight Her birthplace was in the Rufus Adams home, where Will Rassell now lives This was the farm home of this branch of the Adams family When the old folks died, and the farm was subdivided into town lots, the old farm house was utilized as a tenement house and numbers of our early citizens made this their first abiding place after marriage That was what John Speight of Acton and Susan Boomer of Hornby did after their marriage and they remained there until they built their own home at the foot of Willow Street near the Speight wagon and furniture shops

In 1902 Mr and Mrs Moore moved into this brick house on Bower Avenue and this was their home for about eighteen years Miss Lettie Speight sister of Mrs Moore lived there with them for most of that time Like all other homes this one had its joys and sorrows While living there Mr Moore was the subject of a tragic accident about twenty-three or four years ago I think it was which resulted in his death a few days later He went up on the roof of the kitchen to make some repairs to the chimney While at work he slipped and sliding down the roof fell to the ground striking on his head He never regained consciousness When James Moore passed away Acton lost one of her very best citizens He was interested in everything good and exerted himself to help the community I remember the folks telling that when as a boy he went up to Erin to learn The harness business there the people said "Well, Jimmie Moore won't cause his home folks any trouble by going away from home for he has always been a good boy In fact I believe he had serious thoughts one time of becoming a minister and went to grammar school at Guelph for a time with this in view

In 1919 the widow of the late Edward Moore to whose estate this Bower Avenue house with its interesting history is hinged died The estate was shortly thereafter wound up and in the disposition of the property this house was sold to H. S. Wilson of Milton who resided there for some years Acoutt owing or more years ago Mr Fred How purchased the house He has made many improvements and he and Mrs How and family have a happy home here

The Old Man

PICOBAC
PIPE TOBACCO
FOR A MILD, COOL SMOKE

MISS SHEARER RECOVERS

Montreal born Norma Shearer, motion picture star shown as she left Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, after having been under medical observation for several days Miss Shearer came to New York originally to attend the premiere showing of her last picture She was a patient in the hospital under the name of Miss Winifred Kay her secretary

HOLIDAY PRECAUTIONS

The annual summer holiday is designed to improve the health of you and your children Care should be taken that proper benefit of this holiday is gained and that its benefit is not impaired by accident or preventable disease The following precautions are eminently worth while

1 Be sure that the water supply is safe If you are not satisfied with the character of this supply boil the water Cool and aerate it by pouring the water from one jug to another Also ask the Provincial Health Department for information as to a practical method of purifying water Some Provinces furnish a simple apparatus for this purpose at cost An additional precaution is the use of anti typhoid vaccine which also supplied by the Health Department

2 Do not take unnecessary risks when swimming Learn the simplicity of the Schafer method of artificial respiration and teach your kids how to practice it on one another

3 Take a small first aid kit with you There will always be cuts burns and scratches to be dressed

4 If you are camping out extinguish all fires before you leave camp

5 One of the most important precautions is that you and your children avoid the use of raw milk If pasteurized milk is not available heat the milk in a double boiler to 145 degrees F Maintain this temperature for 30 minutes Then rapidly cool the milk to 40 or 50 degrees F and keep it at this temperature until it is used Pasteurization kills all the disease germs in the milk The use of milk so treated does not injure the qualities of the product Its use may save your child from a host of milk borne diseases

Some years ago a clergyman and his young wife settled in a small town in Ontario Their baby had to be brought up on the bottle and the parents always pasteurized the milk themselves When they went shopping in an adjacent city the couple were accustomed to leave the child in the care of two young women members of the congregation The mother neglected to warn these friends as to pasteurizing the milk and having no knowledge of its dangers the young women fed the baby raw milk When she was 9 years old the child hitherto healthy developed a lameness Examination showed that she had hip disease a tuberculous affection often caused by the use of milk from tuberculous cows The child had a long and expensive siege of fevers and many operations before she was well For months she went about on crutches To this day she pays a heavy price to pay for lack of sanitary precaution John W S McCullough M.D., D.P.H.

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Circulars and Reader Interest

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