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Going East	
Passenger and Mail	10.20 a.m.
Passenger	2.39 p.m.
Passenger and Mail	6.30 p.m.
Passenger, stops for passengers going East and Toronto	9.55 p.m.
Sunday's going East	
Passenger	2.39 p.m.
Passenger	8.12 p.m.
Passenger	9.55 p.m.
Going West	
Passenger and Mail	7.25 a.m.
Passenger	8.54 a.m.
Passenger	2.08 p.m.
Passenger and Mail	6.25 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	8.31 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	10.22 p.m.
Going North	
Mail and Passenger	8.55 a.m.
Going South	
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Erection of the first Canadian penitentiary for women is near completion and will probably be occupied in July. The new institution will provide accommodation for 100 women prisoners.

The project was started more than 10 years ago when a prison wall was erected. The enterprise was then abandoned. About seven years ago work was again started on the separate prison for women and was gradually pushed long until now only final details remain to be completed.

The new buildings will give much needed quarters for the constantly growing number of women confined to penal institutions, and as the women's prison at Kingston is the only one in Canada its inmates will be drawn from all parts of the Dominion. At present the women's prison within the penitentiary proper is said to be overcrowded and accommodation taxed to its utmost, not only in the shops, but also in the sleeping quarters.

ONLY RED CARS TO BE PUT OFF THE ROAD

Motorists driving with defective headlights were warned they would face prosecution throughout the Province by Hon. Leopold Macauley, Minister of Highways. He stated that he had instructed municipal and Provincial police to commence such prosecution under the Highway Traffic Act. "The one-eyed car and other improperly illuminated vehicles must be banished from the highways," he said. "They are a menace to every sane driver on the road, and they are deliberately flouting the law. Last year about 250 accidents, 12 fatal, resulted from improper lights. This figure by no means represents the total, as in many cases the condition of the cars after an accident rendered it impossible to determine what part the conditions of the lights played in bringing about the collision."

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When the fleeting shadows steep in dusk,
The brightness of our world,
When evening in her dignity,
Her curtains hath unfurl'd,
Then comes the moment most supreme,
In all my weary day,
'Tis then I sit in tranquil rest,
And dream the hours away.

A quiet peace steals o'er my soul,
As evening shadows creep,
The trees croon dreamy lullabys,
That lull the birds to sleep.
And lo! far up in Paradise,
There peeps one lonely star,
I watch it as it twinkles,
And beckons from afar.

The shadows whisper to my heart,
A message of God's love,
They tell me he is watching
With his angels up above.
In happiness I gaze and dream,
And list to evening's songs,
A heavenly peace descends on me,
To wash away day's wrongs.

At twilight! Golden moments
Fleet by on gauzy wings,
Lifting the soul in gladness,
Above all earthly things.
'Tis then that God is nearest,
To soothe all worldly care,
When twilight folds about us,
And evening's everywhere.

—Hazel Waldie, Georgetown.

Sketches From Boyhood

John D. Swain

I HAVE always been glad that my parents brought me up to treat animals with kindness. They showed me that there was a lot more fun in watching all sorts of birds and animals at work or play, rather than treating them with cruelty, which seems to be too common a trait among small boys.

I am in no sense a naturalist, and have little scientific knowledge of zoology, but I have closely studied the habits of small beasts in our clime, and derived much pleasure from them, and many of them seem to have realized my friendly feelings, and have reciprocated readily.

As a small boy I had the biggest dog I ever have seen. He made the dogs in the Uncle Tom shows look like poodles! I preserved his measurement. A full-blooded English mastiff, and never fat, he weighed 175 pounds, and measured six feet one inch from tip of tail to muzzle. I had an express wagon with shafts and whiffletree, and a regular harness made by the village harness maker. In those days there was no house delivery of mail. I used to hitch my mastiff up, drive a mile to the village, get the mail and do such errands as mother gave me, load the wagon, and drive home. In winters I used a sled, and often raced my dog against horses on the snow-covered roads. The dog enjoyed it as much as I, and we never had any accidents save that once or twice he saw a cat and tried to chase it over a stone wall. He never paid the slightest attention to other dogs when in harness, and would stand without hitching.

Tame foxes and crows have figured in my life, also horses, most of the domestic animals and some wild ones. For more than half a century phoebe birds have returned to nest in the same spot in the old house in which I was born; and I suppose they still do so, though I haven't seen the place in some years. We used to have to clean out the old nests now and then so they could find room for new ones.

Contrary to the usual belief, cats taken to a new home seldom return. If kindly treated they usually remain with the family. But a friend recently told me that he took his cat to a new home four miles from the old one. The cat remained contentedly, until it was time to have her kittens; then she went back to the old place. Inasmuch as every cat learns every inch of its territory, every possible exit in cases of danger, she had probably long ago picked out a place to rear her young ones. Every day she came back to be fed. And when the kittens were partly grown, though unable to walk, she brought each one in her mouth the entire four miles to the new home and proudly displayed them. When one considers the weight of a kitten he realizes that her feat was akin to a man's travelling four miles with a fully packed suitcase in his mouth. There were highways to cross, stone walls and fences to leap over, dangers from dogs and small boys. But this mother cat managed the trips safely.

Cats will readily follow their owners for a long walk, as dogs do. I had three cats in New Hampshire who walked miles across country with us. If we stopped to call on a neighbor, the oldest cat would mount the window-sill, and when she thought we had called long enough, would keep tapping on the window until we came out to resume our walk. This same cat was very grouchy when her eldest daughter had her first litter of kittens; left the house and we had to take her meals to her outside the yard fence. I used to go to a neighbor about a mile distant to bring home the weekly wash; and always from some tree on the route the old cat would jump down onto my shoulder and ride to within fifty feet of the yard, whereupon she would get off and disappear. When the kittens were disposed of she returned home. This cat used to go up into the attic for an afternoon nap, and when ready to come downstairs knew how to open the door, which had an old-fashioned thumb latch. She would hang to the banister with one paw, and strike the thumb latch with the other till the door opened.

Another cat we owned learned to open our refrigerator in the same way. We kept her saucer of milk and dish of boiled fish in it. I never knew her to touch anything but her own food, nor to break a dish or spill more than a drop or two of milk; but as she left the refrigerator door open, I tightened the thumb latch so she could not open it. One day she brought in a younger, smaller cat. She must have in some way told this friend: "Come with me; I can give you something good to eat!" I watched them. The little cat sat beside her, looking up into her face wistfully, then at the refrigerator door. Meanwhile our cat was patiently patting the door catch, with no results. Finally with a reat look of disgust on her face she stalked majestically away; but before she did so she fetched her little friend a wallop on the ear. She evidently felt humiliated and grouchy!

I have spoken more of cats than of dogs, because I have owned more. I like dogs when there is plenty of yard room; but cats are more soothing to one who writes for his income. Dogs demand too much attention in the house, are too exuberant, and never can resist putting muddy paws on a clean pair of white flannel trousers. Were I to live on a large country estate I should wish to own a variety of animal pets, but as it is, a temporary resident, in my present address, I have to be content with the birds and the squirrels.

I can assure anyone who may read these notes that a very great many hours can be passed pleasantly, watching the antics, the little ingenious stratagems, and the domestic life of the small wild or domestic life that remains to us after generations of persecution and hunting. To teach them silly, artificial tricks, is a waste of time. Their own natural games are much more amusing. Animals are not "dumb." We simply do not speak their languages. With study, one can learn the meaning of many of the things birds and animals say to one another.

LOCK-UP LODGERS ON THE INCREASE

Transient travellers out of work and with no place to live who are on the tramp from place to place are increasing on the route passing through Orillia. Every night the lock-up floor is covered with these men who take refuge from the cold night air. They are a quiet civil lot and obey the rules willingly. Nor do they gamble, as might be expected. They appear to be thankful for the hospitality extended to them, which is a place to sleep and a breakfast.

At the beginning of the Winter about 50 to 75 meals were served a month, but so far in April over 500 meals have been given and at the rate the men are calling the number will be over 800 at the end of the month.

All the men who come to town for the night do not lodge in the lockup. Some find a warm spot in a factory firehole or in warm places where they will not be in the way.

Steadily a procession goes to the north country or on to the West and just as steadily a procession comes from the west and north country. All are looking for employment. Most of them, in fact nearly all, are not tramps in the ordinary sense of the term. They are men who have worked when employment was to be found. They are young fellows who have no home, or have left home to lighten the load on the family purse, or older men with out family ties. Some are highly educated, and one recent visitor could speak seven languages.

The passing of the snow has loosed a regular flood of canvassers on the town. Amongst these are the usual number of chaps who want people to help them get a college education. But there is not so much sympathy for these chaps even if they are genuine, as a college education is not of such great advantage to-day, as hosts of college men are out of employment. These appeals by agents have become so frequent that a number of housewives do not answer the door now at all.

The problem of caring for this ever increasing mass of humanity has yet to be solved.

Camps, run on semi-military lines, are now suggested. Here men could be fed for 20c to 25c a day and municipalities would be relieved and householders given a little more peace.—Packet and Times.

Farmers Must Organize

With wheat at 60c a bushel, and fruit, and milk, and eggs, and farm products at proportionately low prices the farmer is at his wits' end to keep body and soul and farm alive. Yet each day one hears criticism against the Canadian Wheat Pool, the United States Stabilization Board and against Farmers' Co-operatives.

The Stabilization Board is the political end of the United States co-operative movement; it was a board formed by Washington to hand several hundred million dollars to United States farmers to balance what the tariff was doing for the United States manufacturers. But through the Stabilization Board, the fine co-operative work being done for the farmers has received no end of abuse. Stabilization is not co-operation. Stabilization is government pap, and should be distinguished as such in the minds of the public.

Co-operative farm movements are the salvation of the soil producer. Farmers must never forget that. Organization will beat disorganization every time. Unorganized, the farmer whether he is farming fruit or wheat prey for every middle man, for every or poultry or animal husbandry, is a financial and political group that can get a toe-hold on his work and products.

The farm products of United States sell to the public for 22½ billion dollars. The farmers of United States receive for them only 7¼ billion dollars. Canada is much higher because wheat, Canada's big crop, is not perishable. The consumer in New York pays 15c for milk; the farmer gets 5c of that.

Through the Fraser Valley co-operative movement, the consumer in Vancouver pays 3.33 cents per pound for his milk; the Fraser Valley farmer receives 1 cent per pound. In England when a hen lays an egg there are ten middle men with their ten profits to get between that egg and the breakfast table. In British Columbia when a hen lays an egg, the number of middle men, because of poultry co-operatives, has been considerably reduced, but the spread is still too large.

Elevator companies take delight in maligning the Canadian Wheat Pool overlooking the fact that the Pool and its co-operatives do more, and will do more, for the interests of the farmer than all the governments and elevator companies combined. Because the Pool's operations landed into the middle of a world depression, does not detract from the great benefits that have been derived by growers through following the principle of co-operation.

The Stabilization Board of Washington was created for the purpose of distributing government subvention to farmers, and the fact that it happened to distribute several hundred millions of government monies, should not get mixed up in the public mind with the good work being done by farm boards and co-operative groups through the United States and Canada.

Speculators, middle men and politicians may slander his pools and his organizations, but the farmer's answer must always be organize, organize, and work and stick together.

The farmer's only possible escape from the life of a peon, which now confronts him, is economic organization along co-operative lines.—Vancouver Sun.

PASSING BY

I shall pass through this world but once; any good thing, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human creature, let me do it now; let me not defer it, nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.—S. Grellet.

IN MAY

The Midas touch has May, sweet maiden May—
For see, where'er she steps, each dawning day
The dandelions in happy crowds are seen
Like sunbeams gay, the spears of grass between.

The Midas touch has May, light hearted May—
And watch her course on field and upland way,
Where gypsy buttercups all glad and bold
Are welcomed with the spring, by young and old.

The Midas touch has May, sweet winsome May—
The primrose, eyes of gold, she gives. They say:
She sets the glowing cowslip here and there,
By rill, or marshy pool, with shining hair;
The Midas touch has May, sweet winsome May.

—Alix. Thorn.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

IT'S a good thought for all of us:—"This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press towards the mark of our high calling."—Phil. 3-13 to 14.

THIS is the time of year when the usual argument commences between the owner of hens and his neighbor who prides himself on his flower beds and garden. We would advise all poultry owners to keep their feathered flock cooped up during this season.

THE gold production in Canada during March set up a new high record. Canadian producers reported an output of 255,675 ounces during the month, and advance of 13.2 per cent. above the February total of 226,891 ounces. According to the Dominion bureau of statistics 715,392 ounces were obtained from Canadian mines during the first quarter of 1932, as compared with 601,502 ounces extracted in the corresponding period of 1931.

TO AWAKEN each morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains; to approach my work with a clean mind to hold ever before me, even in the doing of little things, the Ultimate Purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle, kind, and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done—this is how I desire to waste wisely my days.

IT WOULD appear from newspaper reports of council meetings, says the Municipal World, that some councils are using the ballot system of appointing officials and deciding questions. This is contrary to The Municipal Act, section 218 (2) of which provides that no vote shall be taken by ballot or by any other method of secret voting, and every vote so taken shall be of no effect. The electors at large are entitled to know how their representatives vote on every question. Councillors who have not enough backbone to express their convictions in public should not be re-elected.

THE MODERATION League of Ontario is again struggling for public attention in the newspapers, seeking support in their campaign urging the Government to legalize the sale of wines and beers by the glass in licensed hotels, clubs and restaurants. Speakers are going from city to city to secure public interest in the proposed amendment. Anyone who is acquainted with the working of such a system as in Quebec and Western provinces, where wines and beers are served at tables in taverns and night clubs, would surely prefer to allow the present liquor legislation, with all its faults, to remain in Ontario.

SOME folks are so busy defending their dignity against imaginary and real affronts that they have time for nothing else. An innocent remark, a harmless glance, a moment of thoughtlessness and they are slighted. They wear their feelings on their sleeves, go through life carrying a chip on their shoulders. If you are one of the unfortunates, make a determined resolution to change right away. Happiness you can never know when you let yourself wallow in a frame of mind that keeps you ever thinking that people are trying to offend you and hurt you. There is enough misery in the natural order of your existence without going after more. Shake off that miserable feeling. People are not going out of their way to slight you. Change your tune. Instead of a frown, greet each imaginary insult with a smile. Your digestion will immediately improve and so will your disposition. Don't take yourself too seriously.

DAYLIGHT saving, which came into effect in several places throughout Canada recently, is still looked upon as an inovation and a novelty. But few people realize that the present system of Standard time has not yet been in operation for fifty years. Standard time was the idea of a Canadian, Sir Sandford Fleming. As chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he was brought into contact with the inconvenience caused by the fact that every town and city had its own local time, based on the sun. A railway time table for a transcontinental railway was therefore well nigh impossible. Back in 1879, he made the suggestion, at a meeting in Toronto, that the world should be divided into twenty four sections, one for each hour of the day, and that time within each of these areas should be standard. The idea "caught on," both on this continent and in Europe. Sir Sandford's standard system was brought into effect in Canada and the United States in November, 1883. There are still those who can remember when the clocks were moved forward seventeen minutes. The next year, Standard time was adopted by the European countries at a conference held in Washington, and the system soon became universal. Sir Sandford Fleming's idea was one of Canada's most striking contributions to science and commerce. In Great Britain and many European countries daylight saving is now as much the accepted rule as standard time.

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