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### Weeds Worst Enemy of Canadian Farmers

Prevalence of weed seeds creates the greatest difficulty in maintaining successful farming and particularly in producing a more abundant supply of flour and grain and other seed. In order to get the best returns from the land and to produce a high class of clean seed, farmers have to wage a ceaseless war in keeping weeds on their farms in check and in preventing the introduction and spread of new kinds. One of the principal reasons why weeds are not brought under better control is because such large numbers of seeds are put into the soil through lack of care in ordinary farm operations.

Despite the fact that growers may produce or procure good seed, it has been shown from various investigations that, while many farmers are exercising care in the selection and cleaning of their seed, there are others who give less attention to this important question than it rightly deserves. In one survey, 74 fields were selected in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec, and 573 samples of soil in all were taken to a depth of 2 to 3 inches, and 191 from 5 to 7 inches. To convey some idea of the weed seeds in these samples, a typical field in Alberta may be taken as an example.

#### Proliferate Seeders

Weed seeds found in six ounces of the surface soil numbered 51 of ball mustard, 78 lamb's quarters, 4 black bindweed, and 1 seed of grass. From six ounces of soil taken at 2 to 3 inches in depth, 59 seeds of ball mustard were found, together with 70 lamb's quarters, 2 black bindweed, and 1 each of sedge and other sorts. From the soil at 5 to 7 inches deep, the weed seeds were 39 of ball mustard, 69 lamb's quarters, 2 black bindweed, and 2 of other sorts.

The matter of clean seed is of vital importance, for some of the weed seeds are so prolific in the production of seeds that relatively clean fields may become badly contaminated in two or three years if the weeds are allowed to go to seed. For example, a single plant of wild mustard, stinkweed, foxtail, pigweed, or campion produces 10,000 to 20,000 seeds; wormseed mustard about 50,000; and tumbling mustard about 1,500,000 seeds. With such productivity, soils become quickly infested with weed seeds. In an account of their inconspicuousness the presence of the seeds is not fully realized at the time. Seed cleaning therefore is a vital operation to agriculture. In the 78 page illustrated bulletin "Weeds and Weed Seeds," the matter of seed cleaning and seed cleaning apparatus is fully dealt with. The bulletin may be obtained free on application from the Publicity and Extension Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

#### ARE YOU A DADDY?

Do you drive a car? Do you feel irritated when some youngster darts out from the side walk or from behind a parked car and makes you jam on the brakes? Wouldn't it haunt you day and night if you struck some live-wire kid that was simply obeying nature's responsible impulse to action? Well, never get annoyed at the innocent risks that children take. You did the same thing at that age. Remember when you were playing tag that day, and in the excitement of being wagon? Some lively kid may run blindly right in your way too. Would it occur to you that maybe your own child was being a hazard on the street somewhere else at that very moment?

That little girl you hold in your arms every evening, who tells you the daily news of her child life, with the funny little anecdotes about Nellie or Tom and you join in her baby laughter, is very, very precious to you. Well, the other kids you are racing about the street with the abandon of wild ponies, are just as dear to some other father.

Be just as considerate and watchful to avoid harming one of these little ones, as you hope and pray other motorists are watching out for yours. Be a good daddy while driving, as well as when you are in the easy chair at home holding in your arms the most precious little being in the world.

#### IS IT FOOLISH TO WORK?

Students of criminal life remark that one idea which is widely held by law-breakers, is that there are much easier and more profitable ways of getting through the world than by working. These people say that the worker's lot is almost invariably hard. To accumulate money enough to live on is such a slow and difficult process, that he can't expect to realize any such aim unless he has unusual strokes of luck, or is far more brilliant than average.

Hence the criminal mind argues, it is necessary to take a chance, and try crooked methods. As he jumps into the stolen automobile that takes him from the scene of his crime, he glories in his supposed superiority of intellect.

He is not as smart as he thinks he is. He is undertaking to fight the whole world. Every honest person is watching for indications of such base creatures. No one is brilliant enough to win at a game having such hazards.

No human mind is so disciplined that it will never do some careless thing that will reveal dishonest acts. The criminal will some day leave the fatal fingerprint that shows his identity, or some article that can be identified. He can't always wear a mask on his face, and somebody will remember his evil eye and furtive look. Nothing seems more certain that he will eventually land in jail.

Meanwhile the faithful worker who is building up a reputation and home for himself by his honest conduct goes on to years of self respect and freedom from worry, which the hunted criminal can never hope to attain. —Collingwood Bulletin.

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF NORVAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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came into effect until later.  
Much of the success which has attended the work of Norval church has been due to the ladies. In the early days under the leadership of a beloved pastor's wife they formed a ladies' Aid which helped very materially in paying off the cost of building and furnishing the new church. There never has been a mortgage on the property.

Later a Women's Missionary Society was formed. Mrs. Argo, who was a sister of the late Dr. John Wilkie, of India, was the moving spirit in this and the ability of the ladies to teach the principles of missionary work and support it by their means has been shown by the splendid reports of this society ever since. A Mission Band, which continued to inspire and encourage missionary zeal among the young of the congregation. The Sunday School has always held a foremost place in the Church's activities for over thirty years. Robert Reid Sr. as Superintendent carried on during the Summer months only. In 1886 the work fell to younger men and John W. Noble, was appointed Superintendent, holding the position until his untimely death near the close of the same year. The next Spring his brother Alex. was appointed. The school has since been kept open throughout the year and offerings for Missions have been made by the classes. The late T. E. Reid, John Hunter, Andrew McClure, Robert F. Reid and Alfred McLaughlin have each in turn carried on the work until now again, a younger man Albert Hunter is Superintendent.

Interest in Sunday School work was greatly stimulated by a Society which was started among the young people early in Mr. Argo's ministry, called the Bible Class and Teachers' Association. Meetings were held monthly throughout the congregation for business, entertainment and a social hour. These meetings were finally merged into a Christian Endeavour Society with weekly meetings in the Church on Sunday evenings. In recent years this work is continued in the activities of the Young People's Society.

Norval Church has been well served in her ministers. In September 1846 Rev. Patrick Gray was inducted into the Pastorate of Norval and Union. The ministry of Mr. Gray was short but fruitful. The congregation grew in numbers and influence. This pastoral relation came to an end in 1850. After a vacancy of almost two years the Rev. Joseph Alexander was inducted at Union on the 21st of April, 1851 and continued to serve this congregation and Union for 35 years with unusual acceptance. It was a long and successful pastorate, though his ministry was carried on under difficulties. He was beloved by the people and when his ministry came to an end they had lost a friend indeed. He was a good man, full of faith, and the Holy Spirit.

In October, 1887, Rev. James Argo was inducted as Mr. Alexander's successor. During his ministry many were added to the Church. In the first year of his pastorate the present Manse in Norval was built. Mr. Argo resigned in June 1895.  
From this date the congregation was vacant for one year, being supplied by students from the Colleges, until in 1896 Rev. W. M. MacKay was inducted as minister. His pastorate continued until he was called to Milton in 1904. His work was blessed to many. During his ministry the Church was decorated and re-seated and the present organ installed.

Rev. W. D. Turner was minister from 1906 to 1912. His was a successful one, and all departments of the Church's work showed progress. It was during his ministry the indivi-

dual communion cup was first introduced into the Church. Mr. Turner accepted a call to Blyth and ended his ministry here on September 5th, 1912.

After a vacancy of nine months the congregation extended a call to Rev. J. A. Ferguson. He was a good man, faithful in the least as in the greater things. Mr. Ferguson was called to Duff's Church on March 3rd, 1920.

In November of the year 1920, Mr. Ferguson was succeeded by the Rev. Walter Patterson. It was during his pastorate that the Church Union vote, which decided the destiny of the congregation, was taken. The majority decided in favor of remaining Presbyterian. Mr. Patterson was a good preacher and a fearless debater. His pastorate ended in October, 1923, when he accepted a call to Stayner. He was followed by Rev. Ewen Macdonald who was inducted on February 18th, 1928. Mr. Macdonald's wife was formerly L. M. Montgomery, famous Canadian Authoress. General and kindly in manner Mr. Macdonald served the congregation until his resignation in March, 1935.

Mr. Macdonald was succeeded by Rev. Norman McMillan, who was inducted on June 24th, 1935. During his ministry the Church was redecorated in preparation for the Centennial celebrations. Mr. McMillan's ministry was a happy one and the work among the young was most encouraging.

Thus, has Norval Church been served by nine ministers during the one hundred years of her history. These nine, following in the footsteps of their Master, have sought to serve faithfully his people.  
This is, of necessity a somewhat short and imperfect sketch of Norval Church. Our fathers laboured and we have entered into their labours. It was their desire to build to the Glory of God a Church that would prove to be a House of Prayer and Sanctuary for the oppressed. This they succeeded in accomplishing. Let us continue to serve the God of our fathers and make the extension of the Kingdom of His Son our chief delight and God will continue to bless us, as He has blessed those who have entered into rest.

Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God!  
The Church for you doth wait;  
Her strength shall make your spirit strong.  
Her service makes you great.  
Lift high the cross of Christ!  
Tread where his feet have trod;  
As brothers of the Son of Man,  
Rise up, O men of God!

#### THE GRAND BANK

The Grand Bank is a great shoal in the Atlantic ocean lying off the coast of Newfoundland, famous throughout the world as a fishing ground. "Bank" here means an undersea elevation which produces a shoal, shelf or shallow. The Grand bank is about 300 miles in length, is less than 600 feet below sea level and projects southeast from the Newfoundland coast toward the centre of the Atlantic ocean. Geologists believe it to be the remnant of an ancient submerged mountain range. The bottom in this region is covered with fine mud and sand and the meeting of two currents brings an endless supply of diatoms and algae which supply food for crustaceans and mollusks and other types of invertebrates, supplying food for the hosts of codfish which swim in from the deeper waters.

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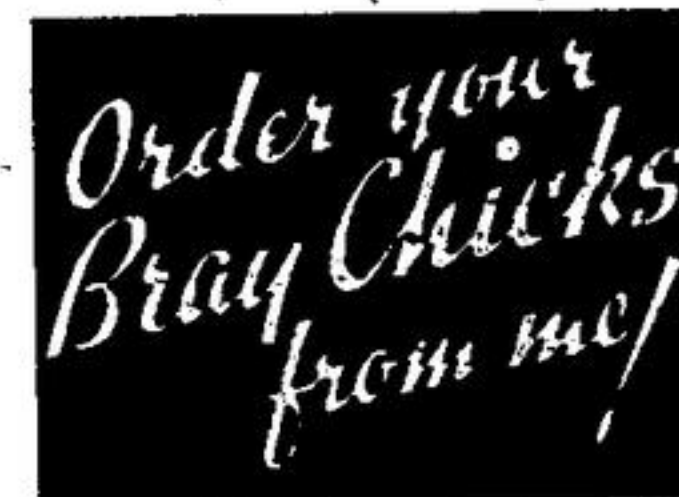
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