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The Editor's Corner

A LESSON FROM THE PLOWING MATCH

"We have kept it clean! There is nothing questionable here; not a side-show; all is educational and wholesome."
 Those were the words used by J. Lockie Wilson, grand old man of the International Plowing Match, as he proudly viewed the thousands gathered at St. Thomas to make this year's Match a record-breaker for both entries and attendance. Wise words those, and words backed up by fact, because statistics show that the International Plowing Match draws the biggest crowds of any rural event in Ontario.
 Perhaps the boards of many of our fall fairs who have turned their fairs into carnivals, on the assumption that this is necessary to draw the crowds, might take a lesson from the International. The fact that thousands of people from all over the province flock to the International Plowing Match every year should prove that rural people still respond most strongly to a wholesome appeal. We find our own example of this in Georgetown last month, when the carnival people pulled up stakes early in the afternoon, disgusted with a crowd which would rather view the horse races, the show animals, and the hall exhibits, than spend their time and money around the gambling board.

IS THIS A HINT?

Was it coincidence, or a gentle hint, which prompted a friend in town to hand in this one last week?

THE FROSTY NIGHTS

The frosty nights have come again, and at this time of year. Those single guys who sleep alone prance round upon their ear. They pull the bedding quickly back and then they tumble in. Roll up into a little lump, their knees up to their chin. And then are heard to say, just loud enough to hear,
 "By George this thing has got to stop before another year."

TIME FOR WITCHES AGAIN

Halloween will be celebrated to-morrow night, and the Esqueping Agricultural Society is holding a Halloween dance in the Arena. This was the dance which President Frank Fetch promised on Fair night. Perhaps you remember that when he asked the crowd if they would like Russ Creighton to come back at some later date for another dance, the crowd voiced their approval in no uncertain terms.
 Now the party has been arranged, and luckily it falls on a night when people are in a celebrating mood.

A SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF

It is interesting to note that an organization has recently come into existence which has for its work the helping of those who are handicapped by defective hearing. There has long been felt a need for an organization of this kind and the Dominion Government has granted a charter to the National Society for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Society aims to adopt every possible means to stimulate scientific effort in prevention of deafness and conservation of hearing; to extend the knowledge and use of lip-reading, manual language and approved mechanical aids to hearing; to print and distribute pamphlets and periodicals useful to the deaf and the hard of hearing; to give advice, counsel and assistance of every kind and to promote the higher education, employment and social well-being among both adults and children whose hearing is impaired.
 We commend this organization to our readers and trust they may give it their strong support whenever opportunity is offered.

OUR WEEKLY POEM

AUTUMN TINTS
 There's something 'bout a woodland scene,
 When autumn colors stream,
 That lifts your thoughts from common things
 To some more nobler theme.
 Why is it as the seasons roll,
 The leaves their colors change
 Each autumn, into marvelous tints,
 Of wide and wondrous range?
 What magic touch can morphosis
 To Midas mystic gold
 And rarest reds and purples, pinks,
 Like pigment palettes hold?
 Why should such beauty be short lived,
 A fortnight spell so rare,
 While all the other fifty weeks
 Of each year must go bare?
 'Tis so with life, all springtime joys
 And gladness summers hold,
 Are like the autumn's beauty tints,
 Soon die with winter's cold.

—RALPH GORDON
 222 Crawford St., Toronto.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
 ■ matters not if you lost the fight
 and were badly beaten, too;
 ■ matters not if you failed outright
 in the things you tried to do;
 ■ matters not if you toppled down
 from the azure heights of blue—
 ■ what are you doing now?
 ■ matters not if your plans were foiled
 and your hopes have fallen
 through;
 ■ matters not if your chance was
 spoiled for the gain almost in
 view;
 ■ matters not if you missed the goal,
 though you struggled brave and
 true;
 ■ what are you doing now?
 ■ matters not if your fortune's gone
 and your fame has withered, too;
 ■ matters not if a cruel world's scorn
 be directed straight at you;
 ■ matters not if the worst has come
 and your dreams have not come
 true;
 ■ what are you doing now?

Give ability without discretion
 and you'll find it a waste
 If you would be true to a friend you
 must recognize her faults as well as
 her virtues.

THE EIDER-DOWN INDUSTRY OF CANADA

Commercialization of the natural resources of a country is often inimical to conservation. An exception to this rule is the treatment of American Eiders, which are actually receiving additional protection through industrial development. The growth of the Canadian eider-down industry will undoubtedly result in an increase in the number of Eider ducks along the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the coastal areas of northern Canada. This industry, though still in its infancy, may yet attain the importance of a similar industry developed in Iceland, Norway and Greenland.

Eider-down is collected from the nests of the Eider ducks during the incubation period. The female Eiders make the nests and line them in part with soft gray down from their own bodies. This down is usually collected from each nest, on two occasions a few days apart, in some cases it has been found profitable to gather down from a nest three times during the incubation period. When the mother duck has no more down for her nest, she covers her eggs with leaves or dead grass which serves to meet her requirements satisfactorily.

Gathering the down does not, as one may suppose, disturb the mother bird, unduly or cause her to abandon the nest. Among the thousands of nests in certain parts of Canada from which down has been removed during the incubation period, there have been found less than a dozen in which the eggs subsequently failed to hatch. It is safe to conclude, therefore, that the gathering of down seldom, if ever, causes the incubating Eider to desert her nest or prevents normal hatching of the young, provided that care is exercised in the handling of the eggs when the down is removed from the nest.

Production of eider-down in Canada during 1939 was just under 150 pounds. While this quantity is small in comparison with the production of eider-down in Scandinavian countries, nevertheless it represents a progressive increase over previous years. It takes about forty nests to yield one pound of thoroughly cleaned eider-down, for which the current price to the gatherers is \$5.00. A production of more than half an ounce from a single nest would be regarded as exceptional.

The eider-down industry of Canada is under the close supervision of the Department of Mines and Resources. Owners or lessees of suitable areas are furnished with a permit under the Migratory Birds Convention Act, authorizing them to collect, possess and sell eider-down taken from nests on the lands under their control. Officers of the Department inspect those areas from time to time to guard against possible abuse of the privileges given to permittees and also to co-operate actively with them to prevent poaching in their areas. Each permittee is required to report annually, in writing, to the Department of Mines and Resources the amount of cleaned eider-down that he has collected and what disposition he has made of it.
 Thus Canada again furnishes new sources of raw material with which to replace supplies hitherto received in part from a country now under German control. The expansion of the eider-down industry in the far-flung coastal areas of northern Canada will materially assist in broadening the basis of subsistence for the native population in this region and is, therefore, similar in character to the reindeer industry. It will, at the same time, serve as a conservation measure not only for the Eider-ducks, but for other wild creatures on the eider-down lands under their control. Any shooting there would tend to disturb the Eiders and perhaps drive them away entirely.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

AN AMAZING SUGGESTION
 Under the heading, "Rebuilding the Conservative Party" an exchange says the suggestion that the B.N.A. Act be amended, forbidding a third, fourth or fifth party is not altogether fantastic and thus comments:
 "If independents of all kinds, labor groups, farmers' organizations, the C. P. and Social Creditors were forced to press for the changes they want, through either the Liberal or Conservative party, Canada would likely experience a political revival without precedent. Divert the flow of enthusiasm which creates and maintains these smaller groups, turn it into the channels of one of the old-time parties, or both, and Canada would draw much closer to real responsible government."
 It sounds for all the world like Lord Macaulay or Alexander Hamilton brought up to date. Liberals and Progressives will view the suggestion with amazement. It would be the beginning of the end of our democratic institutions. Truly today as never before eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

LET'S LACK HITLER
 Last week, the News-Record passed on the idea for a new stamp, commemorating the opening of the Fergus dam, the idea being to help Canada raise extra money for war purposes in an easy and painless fashion.
 This week we have another idea, not for a postage stamp, this time, but to help the sale of War Savings Stamps. These sell for a quarter a piece, and many people who cannot afford to buy a larger bond invest in these stamps. A large proportion are children. The idea is good but the stamps are uninteresting in themselves. Our suggestion is that part of them be printed with a cartoon of Hitler on the back of the stamp, before the gum is applied. The front could remain unchanged.
 Just imagine the possibilities. Every time a youngster applied a stamp, his certificate, he could "Lack Hitler" at the same time. Some might have a cartoon or a combination of the two dictators, so that the more ambitious could "Lack them both" at once.
 Sounds like a good idea, doesn't it?



"It's my own invention. It doesn't scream, it doesn't whistle—it just plays 'There'll Always be an England.'"

Have we worked psychology to the limit like the enemy has done?
 —Fergus News-Record—

BACK TO THE CRADLE

When Thos. Hamilton, of Melancthon, had a wet field in which the binder would not operate, he resurrected a cradle he had bought at a bargain 27 years ago from John Gardiner, late veteran hardware man at Dundalk, and cut three acres of grain.

Not only that but he bound the sheaves, using the stalks of grain for binder twine, completing the entire operation in a day and a half. Mr. Hamilton, for a change, rather enjoyed this pioneer method of harvesting and binding grain. He cut the first grain with a cradle on his present farm, which was purchased as a 100 acre bush lot from the late John Howes.
 —Shelburne Free Press and Economist

A country rector, while paying a visit to London, had to give an order for a Sunday School banner. Finding he had forgotten instructions, he sent a prepaid telegram to his wife asking for details of the motto required and the size.
 The Post Office authorities were somewhat puzzled by the reply, which read:
 "Unto us a son is born, four feet wide and four feet long."

DIRECTORY

C. N. R. TIME TABLE

Standard Time

Going East

Passenger	6:16 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	10:03 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:45 p.m.
Passenger Sundays only	9:31 p.m.
Passenger, daily	9:41 p.m.

Toronto and beyond.

Going West

Passenger and Mail	8:34 a.m.
Passenger Saturday only	1:15 p.m.
Passenger, daily except Saturday and Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:45 p.m.
Passenger Sunday only	11:30 p.m.

Going North

Passenger and Mail	8:45 a.m.
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Going South

Passenger and Mail	6:50 p.m.
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11:48 p.m.	9:13 p.m.
12:23 p.m.	

Westbound to London

9:35 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
11:05 a.m.	7:50 p.m.
2:05 p.m.	10:35 p.m.
4:45 p.m.	12:15 p.m.

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