

SAFETY FIRST

There was a man who fancied That by driving good and fast He could get across the railroad tracks Before the train flew past.

He thought they'd miss him by an inch, And make the train crew sore, There was a man who fancied this— There isn't any more.

TWENTY YEARS' AGO

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, April 19th, 1917

The Oakville Star says Mr. C. A. Decker, late of the Dominion Hotel, will give his entire attention now to his fine 200-acre farm near Oakville.

\$10,000.00 was paid out to farmers on Tuesday for stock delivered to the drovers in town.

Officers were elected for the Lawn Tennis Club of the Epworth League. The Green Committee are getting the lawn in excellent shape and games will soon be arranged.

Engineer Harold S. Nicklin has been home during the week on last leave. The first passenger car on the electric road arrived in Acton last Thursday morning.

A splendid reception was tendered Sergeant Hynds on Monday evening. The Town Hall was crowded with citizens and both gave interesting accounts of their experiences.

DIED

QUANTIE—At the home of her brother-in-law, Mr. John A. Moffat, Mill Street, Acton, on Tuesday, April 17th, 1917, Margaret Mann, widow of the late James Quantie, in her 67th year.

FACTORY, LIKE HOUSEWIFE, HOUSECLEANS EACH SPRING

Toronto, April 14th—The housewife has many things to thank industry for—mechanical aids which make her care of family and house a great deal easier and more comfortable.

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2. Stairs—Are they slippery? Are objects left on steps and landings? Are all your stairs protected by hand-rails in good condition?

3. Falling objects—Are hand tools or other objects in hazardous places? Are objects on end liable to tip over? Are materials too close to platform edges?

4. Materials—Piled too high? Too close to fire-fighting equipment? Obstructing fire-doors or sprinkler heads? Piled carelessly? Bulk materials spread around? Are piles blocked or interlocked?

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3. Improved traffic lanes.

4. Standardization of warning signs.

5. Correction of glaring headlights, headlights out of focus and vehicles inadequately lighted.

6. Hazards of commercial and private trucks.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Acton Free Press GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

If anyone wants a true word picture of the Canadian West, read Kathleen Strange's new book—"With the West in Her Eyes." It is most interesting as well as being decidedly amusing.

You who think winter is back again let me tell you this. Last Friday a friend of ours was on his way to Toronto and just past Dixie he saw a farmer on the land with his drill.

Sending seems very far remote on Ginger Farm just at present. The mud is such that we are only too thankful if we can get out of the lane once a week.

The lane was just as soft as a mud puddle the fore part of the week. I made no attempt to get out with the tractor and the baker was instructed to leave our bread at the gate.

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SLATS' DIARY BY OLIVER N. WATKIN

Sunday: I suppose preachers & S. S. is a good thing but not for yrs. trooly. They have interfered with my fishes & bass ball practice until I am behind with both.

Monday: I sed to Jane sed I you remind me of a lemen, no good untest squeezed & she reptide & sed I remind her of a orange. I am so yule. Yule haft to sermize what tik place then. But I sint yule.

Tuesday: Well akool will be atning of the past in 6 or 7 wks. now. & I wish it knowed by all my frends that I have no kick to regesser. Sutes me, fokes. I am prectipating a swell time (dopen) vacashen.

Wednesday: Pa got the nosepaper in had with the Reddykashes which runs the bank & wch stopd its advt. In the paper Pa wnt that Percy Reddykash are a collidge gragate but the collidge shooldnt be blaimed for what he dont no.

Thursday: We was a haven a Intelligents test in the class & the teacher sed her slder has children 10, 8, & 2 yrs. of old age—who cood estymate how long has she probly ben married. Jake at onct sed he wud & kibeled his dunnies by unnering it wood haft to be at least 20 yrs.

Friday: After skool yesterday Blister & hks Ma went to the gen. mds. store to get him sum close & the man sed do you want padded sholders & Blister reptide at once & sed no, gimme padded pants on the riverside side. He told me no, the man was drilling all right.

Saturday: Mrs. Gillem was here to visit Ma and sed ksept Pa a quiet dresser & Ma reptide & sed yee & a quiet un-dresser all so when he cums home at 1 or 2 a. m. I diddnt hardly see the that in it but Pa scanned to get it when I rippored the konvashen to him. He sed they are too mutch tawking at this hear domell. When he ksent to home he sed.

OYSTER FARMING MAKES PROGRESS

Oyster farming in Prince Edward Island is making remarkable progress. The number of leased areas under cultivation in Malpeque-Casumpeque section is now about 100 compared with 101 a year ago, and the results obtained in this area have led to a modest beginning of commercial oyster culture or farming in some other sections of the province.

Six or seven years ago the Dominion Department of Fisheries set out to encourage the establishment of an oyster farming industry in Prince Edward Island where control of the oyster resources had been transferred to the Dominion under an agreement with the provincial government.

It is my fancy, or is there really a lack of enthusiasm about housecleaning this year? It seems to me I have hardly heard it mentioned at all. Is it that after such an open winter, spring has crept on us unawares, or is it that I have been too busy myself to take much notice of what other people are doing?

When I get into that unused part of our house, I feel like giving one mighty "shoo" and shooting out everything in front of me—and then starting out again from scratch. But that is even more than I dare do. Even now I have shooed out so much that it kept me busy to find a piece of patching to mend Partner's work shirt this week; I have such a lot of sewing I must do, but I can't settle down to it until I have been through every drawer, box and cupboard and discarded every discardable thing.

There are some places that have to be cleaned out when the children are out of the way. If they are at home it is, "Oh, mother, don't burn that!" "Oh, mother, I want that!" until I feel I would be farther ahead if I had never started clearing up at all. But the children are not the only ones to get into trouble—I get into hot water too.

One morning I had collected a lot of rubbish and went outside to light a bonfire. Partner was up to the bush for a load of wood, so I had to use my own discretion as to where to burn the rubbish. I lighted my fire a little piece back from the wood pile, with the wind blowing in the opposite direction. Presently I went out with more rubbish. Partner was back with his load. I noticed he looked at me with an expression that was just the pleasantest I had ever seen—and then the storm broke.

"Why in the name of all that's wonderful you should have to light a bonfire right in my wagon trail I don't know. See where I had to go to get back to the wood pile."

Sure enough, there was my fire, parked right between the wheel marks of the old wagon trail—and I hadn't so much as noticed it!

By the way, Partner is very well satisfied with the Editor's comment on the debate in the Provincial House. We thought his comparison with Porter Hewitt and the hockey game was very clever and quite apt. We might also add that the Editor's experience also confirms our own private suspicions about matters provincial.

We feel the weekly newspaper should, as suggested at the Weekly Newspaper Annual Convention, be a means of enlightening people of the community on matters of public interest. We might then be able to get a little nearer to the truth than we would otherwise.

Tremendous Trifles

(Continued from Page Three)

the bank when I got out for lunch, sir. It was splendid of you to send me the money. I saw an opportunity to rent some space to the Hub-City Textile Company, and the only chance I had to talk to Mr. Frederick, the President, was on the trap going to Boobon."

Mr. Ludlow's blue eyes twinkled. "You rented some space?" "A thousand feet on the twentieth floor, sir."

Mr. Ludlow whistled softly. "To be gosh with, you aren't going to pay for a trip to Boston when you're on company business. Make out a requisition for the amount, you spent, and Miss Dabson will refund it to you. Now tell me about the affair."

Dane did so. Mr. Ludlow nodded thoughtfully. "Just about the way I thought you'd handle an important job if it came up. That's why I hesitated about appointing Harold Kelton rental manager at an increased salary. The job is yours!"

Dane started. "But, sir, Kelton is the senior man in the department—" "That's right; he is. But my company which gives promotion only because of seniority, without regard to ability, would soon go out of business. Your first job as rental manager will be to jock up Kelton. Try to persuade him to let his work interfere with his golf once in a while."

Mr. Ludlow smiled grimly. "It's the tremendous trifles that make for success, McGrath. Anyone can seize the big opportunities. But most people pass up the little opportunities and those are the tremendous trifles of which I'm speaking. You rented a thousand feet of space. Why? Because you attached some importance to a trifle—a calling card. It didn't seem important enough to Kelton to pass up a golf game for. Understand?"

"Yes, sir," said Dane; "but I'm sorry for Kelton. He'd counted on that job."

Mr. Ludlow smiled. "I'm sorry for Kelton, too. But—" He shrugged.

As Dane hurried to the telegraph office at noon to send a message to Pay Frederick his heart was glowing. He wrote hastily on the blank:

Your father was right about that Saturday afternoon at your home—important Dane

NOT ALL GOLD

Canada's mineral wealth is not all gold, or even all metal. The non-metallic minerals, which include the fuels—coal, petroleum, and natural gas—the structural materials—clays, cement, lime, building stone, sand, and gravel—and a large number of other minerals such as gypsum, asbestos, salt and graphite are of great economic importance.

Non-metallics are indispensable to modern life, without them the development of the metals from the ore to the finished product and their use in industrial manufacture would be impossible.

Production of non-metallics in 1936 had a value of \$102,000,000, a gain of \$12,000,000 over 1935. Capital invested in the non-metallic industry in 1936 amounted to \$240,000,000; salaries and wages to \$40,000,000; dividends to \$3,000,000; and expenditures for supplies and equipment to \$20,000,000.

Fuels with a production valued at \$69,000,000 in 1936 are the most important of Canada's non-metallics. These included coal to the value of \$48,000,000; natural gas, \$10,500,000; and crude petroleum, \$3,600,000. Ranking next to the fuels in the annual value of non-metallic output are the clay products, which include the various types of brick, roofing, drain and structural tile, and pottery; and the structural materials, including cement, lime, and building stone. Cement production last year amounted to 5,000,000 barrels, valued at approximately \$7,000,000. Lime production reached a value of \$3,250,000. Canada's large resources of building and ornamental stone now supply most of the domestic demand.

Among the other minerals of the non-metallic group which Canada possesses and produces in large quantities are asbestos, salt, gypsum, magnesite, dolomite and sodium sulphate. She is the world's leading producer and exporter of asbestos, sales of which totalled \$10,000,000 in 1936. The output of salt was 200,000 tons last year, the highest on record. Gypsum production was valued at \$1,250,000. Quartz, feldspar, talc and soapstone, graphite, ochres and mica all contributed to the Canadian non-metallic mineral output in 1936 in amounts ranging in value from \$67,000 to \$617,000.

TRY THE SUNSHINE CURE

Criticism is often considered synonymous with faultfinding. If you think your friend uses too much slang, or is too inclined to pass on gossip, do not tell her so as if you were announcing the sinking of a ship at sea, with the loss of all on board. Do not go at her, as if you were the public prosecutor and she the prisoner at the bar. Be friendly and sympathetic, not too superior. Be good-natured about it, too. Frequently a joke will do much to help one overcome a fault. Sunshine is a cure for many physical ills, and the same is true of faults.

REGULAR HERMIT!

Simpson—"What sort of a chap is Pemberton?" Wilkins—"Oh, a regular hermit. Spends two or three evenings at home almost every week."

HIGH AND LOW

Magistrate—"Did you say that the culprits used high words?" Witness—"Well, their voices were pitched high—but the words they used were extremely low."

TIME TABLES

Table with columns for Canadian National Railways, AT ACTON, Going East, and Going West, listing train numbers and times.

Proclamation! re Daylight Saving Time. Whereas a number of major industries in the Municipality will adopt Daylight Saving Time during the present summer, and whereas in order to avoid confusion which would necessarily result through there being two systems of time in force in the Municipality, notice is hereby given that the Council of the Corporation of Acton has decided by-law to adopt Daylight Saving Time for Acton, commencing at midnight Saturday, April 24, 1937 TO Mon., September 6, 1937 AT MIDNIGHT. Citizens are requested to comply with this by-law and adopt this time from the dates specified. F. J. McCUTCHEON, Reeve. Dated at Acton, March 29th, 1937.

ARROW BUS SCHEDULE. EFFECTIVE SEPT. 27th, 1936. LEAVE WESTBOUND: Daily, 9:45 a.m.; Daily, except Saturday, 11:45 a.m.; Saturday, 2:15 p.m.; Saturday only, 3:15 p.m.; Daily, 5:15 p.m.; Daily, 7:15 p.m.; Daily, 11:15 p.m. LEAVE EASTBOUND: Daily, except Sunday, 7:00 a.m.; Daily, 9:10 a.m.; Daily, 12:45 p.m.; Daily, 4:30 p.m.; Daily, 6:45 p.m.; Daily, 9:00 p.m.

INSURANCE. FIRE, CAR, ACCIDENT, SICKNESS, ETC. E. HARROP. REPRESENTATIVE: Gore District Mutual, Newark, Ont. Canadian Fire Insurance Company, The Alliance Assurance Co., The Casualty of Canada Assurance Company, The Merchants Casualty Co., The Portage-La-Prairie Mutual.

FOOD MILEAGE. Fueling the household machine is an important item these days. After all on the road of daily life, most of us have to get the last mile out of every dollar we spend. High food mileage means careful buying... thoughtful selection of the foods that not only suit the tastes and physical needs of the family, but the pocketbook as well. That's the value of advertising. Every week, here in your paper, are presented new and interesting food ideas. New ways of preparing old, reliable favorites. New combinations of the foods the family needs... in ways they'll like. Standard, unvarying quality is the outstanding feature of advertised merchandise in general... and of food products in particular. Quite a factor in getting high food mileage. Read the food advertised in the Free Press... it will show you the way to higher food mileage.

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