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Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways

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The editor of THE CHAMPION would greatly appreciate the co-operation of the secretaries of the various organizations who would send him a brief account of their meeting or other items of local interest.

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Origin of Sheep Obscure!

Formerly Had Two Coats
The origin of sheep is rather obscure, notes a writer in the Montreal Herald. Archeological discoveries have shown that in prehistoric times there was an animal called the "mouflon," similar in type to the South American Yak with a coarse shaggy coat. It adapted to life on the plains, the mouflon was gradually driven back to the hills. Mankind found these animals of great practical use, and as they were domesticated the early sheep men bred for size since the large animals provided skins of sufficient size to cover a single person without any attempt at tailoring; also they selected for breeding purposes the animals with the softest wool since these were most comfortable when worn next the body.

Primitive sheep had two coats, the outer hairy coat which served as a protective covering and the inner coat of softer, finer fiber which kept the animal warm. This inner covering of softer, finer fiber was the forerunner of the present day wool and by careful selection and breeding the outer hairy coat was gradually eliminated entirely. But even in the days of today there are still traces of this outer hairy coat which persists in the form of coarse brittle fibers known as kemp, which is especially noticeable in some mountain breeds, and is also found on newly born lambs, although soon after birth it becomes lost in the breeds that produce the finest wool.

"To Sow Dragon's Teeth"

The reference "to sow dragon's teeth" is to the classical story of Cadmus, who slew the dragon that guarded the well of Ares and sowed some of its teeth. From them sprang up the men called Spartans, who all killed each other except five, who became the ancestors of the Thebans. The teeth which Cadmus did not sow came into the possession of the King of Colchis. One of the tasks which he set Jason was to sow them and slay the armed warriors who sprang from them.

"The Cherokee Blackbird"

In the roster of names on the scroll of Texas, one of the most notable is that of Sam Houston, "the Cherokee blackbird," politician, statesman, soldier and pioneer, whose life ran the gamut from obscurity to fame and whose fortunes led him to hold place under two flags—Texas before and after that commonwealth entered the union of states.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS GIVE REASON FOR CONCERN

Recently the Chief Constable, of Toronto, in making his annual report revealed facts concerning motor accidents which provide food for serious thought not only to Toronto but to the Province of Ontario generally.

It was stated that 18 out of 22 charged with manslaughter and 37 out of 41 charged with criminal negligence last year were concerned in motor accidents.

To quote the Chief Constable, "In most cases the charges were withdrawn, dismissed or no bill found. Three persons convicted of criminal negligence were placed on suspended sentence and five fined."

In some cases, perhaps, the evidence may seem inadequate, but it seems safe to assume that in the majority of cases, if not all of them, the police were sure of the facts before they took action. Which brings us to the painful conclusion that some judges and juries seem to think more of the driver than of the people who were run down, killed or painfully injured.

The Honorable T. B. McQueen, minister of highways, sees very clearly the need for more drastic action in this respect. He has, repeatedly, and in no uncertain terms, stated the seriousness of the problem created by unjustifiable leniency towards motorists and drivers of commercial vehicles whose negligence has caused fatalities.

The plain truth, of course, is that criminal negligence in driving is being practised on an alarming scale and most of it does not get into the law courts. And, when it does, with a manslaughter charge laid, the juries become soft-hearted to an amazing degree in face of the evidence presented.

A CHANGE OF HEART IN DRIVERS
Personal, individual care and responsibility among motorists is, of course, the most effective means of scaling down the toll of accidents. As the motor vehicle branch of the department of highways is constantly pointing out, "Ontario must start thinking safely."

The appalling toll of accidents would soon be reduced if operators of motor vehicles would discipline themselves to drive at sensible speed; if they would make sure that their tires, brakes and lights were effective; if they shunned liquor when called upon to drive; and if they stopped taking chances near street cars, at cross-sections, on curves and hills, in places where there are liable to be children, in fact, everywhere.

Undoubtedly many drivers are taking their responsibility seriously and are honestly trying to drive as responsible citizens should, with due regard for everyone—including themselves; but these seem to be in the minority, judging by the ever-increasing accident list.

Reckless drivers, however, are finding the courts far less sympathetic than of yore. Jail sentences are becoming the rule rather than the exception; and there is a marked tendency towards the utmost severity in cases where a death has occurred. This, of course, is a sign that the public generally is waking up to the situation.

It is too bad that a supposedly enlightened province like our own should heed the penitentiary held over its head to prevent criminal negligence when driving, but until the province, generally, is fully aroused to its responsibilities while at the wheel of motor vehicles, there seems to be no effective alternative.

When everyone in Ontario—and elsewhere—realizes that mad speed is a species of crime, then we shall have a very different, and a better, situation. The sooner that happy day arrives, the better for all of us.

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Here and There

Two or three times as much rainfall this year between April 1 and May 3 on the Prairies as compared with the same period last year makes the outlook for the 1935 harvest, similar to that at the same time of year in 1923 when the largest crop since 1928 was recorded, states T. S. Acheson, general agricultural agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the West.

Leonard J. Pohlmann, traveling passenger agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at New York, was recently elected vice-president of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents of New York. Mr. Pohlmann has been a member of the association's executive committee for the past year.

Hotel Saskatchewan, Regina, distinguished itself recently by staging a Chinese Mandarin dinner dance, said to be the first of its kind on this continent. As a stage decoration there was used a hundred-foot runner and side drapes, hand-made by Chinese many decades ago, and insured while in use at a valuation of \$5,000. The orchestra was in Chinese dress and provided music with a decidedly Eastern background.

T. J. Jackson, who has just been appointed first assistant manager of the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, in succession to Cyril Chapman, promoted to the post of manager of the Seignior Club of Quebec, started as cashier at the Chateau Frontenac in 1924, and has had rapid advancement to his present high position.

To Charles Montgomery, one-time switch-tender and a present elevator operator at the Canadian Pacific uptown office building in Winnipeg, go all honors for having constructed what is probably the most perfectly finished model of a locomotive on the continent. It is a five-foot replica of a Canadian Pacific class "2309", finished in brass, and copper, and took five years to construct.

Out of active service for some years past, Canadian Pacific liner Melita has been sold to Italian shipbreakers. She was built in Glasgow in 1918.

"Never betray a trust; be honest; do what other men can do; and work your eight hours a day," is the recipe for success enunciated by Caleb R. Smith, international chairman of the Million-Dollar Round Table, speaking to the Life Underwriters in convention at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, recently.

James G. Miller, Medicine Hat, veteran Canadian Pacific engineer, recently celebrated his 82nd birthday, when railway acquaintances and relatives gathered to congratulate him. He was born in Drummondville, Que., and has been drawing a railroad cheque for more than 64 years.

A couple of score of fine old railroaders who five decades ago helped push the steel around the north shore of Lake Superior for the Canadian Pacific Railway, gathered near Jackfish, Ont., recently, to re-enact the driving of the last spike at Noso on May 16, 1885. Alex. Anderson, Port Arthur, who held the spike when it was driven, had been sold to Italian shipbreakers. He was born in a home a new gilded spike with a vigor that belied his 81 years.

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Grasshoppers Belong to Bussing Locust Family

Locusts are usually associated with destruction, as accounts of these insects, descending as a plague upon hapless localities, describe how they voraciously devour everything in sight. Such destructive tendencies, however, cannot be ascribed to all varieties of locusts, says a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Grasshoppers, which are a member of the locust family, are among the most familiar of the destroyers. They have been known to fly in such numbers as to darken the sky and descending on farms soon eat up the growing crops.

In Europe the word "locust" brings to mind insects of a large size. The largest locusts are found in the tropics. One outstanding variety of this insect is the Indo-Malay singing locust. This is just one of the many thousands of varieties of these insects whose choruses have been borne by the wind to ships at sea.

The locust is a familiar insect to North America, where its song is associated with summer heat. The majority of the American locusts inhabit the same area throughout the year.

There are, however, several species of migratory locusts which breed on the slopes of the Cascade, Rocky and Sierra mountains. These insects migrate in great swarms during the summer when the grass of these regions dries up. As cultivation is being extended through these areas the migration of the locusts is decreasing.

Finds People Entirely Free From Tooth Decay

Where are the people with the most perfect teeth? They are the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, in the South Atlantic. When their teeth were examined by the president of the Dental Society of Cape Province, it was found that out of 156 persons, ranging in age from infancy to ninety-two, the teeth of 131 were entirely free from decay. The oldest man on the island had a complete set.

The secret of this dental perfection is in the diet of these islanders. They live chiefly on fish, potatoes, milk and eggs, and the peculiar rule of their diet is to eat only one thing at each meal. If the menu for the day is fish, they eat it without any additions, barring even salt or any sort of dressing or condiment. They carry out this rule with all items of food, even with penguins' eggs—Tit-Bits Magazine.

The Doodle Bug

The term doodle bug is a local name for the larva of the ant-lion. The larva digs a small conical pit in sandy soil in the long jaws protruding to catch any insects, especially ants which fall into the pit. If its prey attempts to climb out, the doodle bug tosses sand upon it by movements of the head, causing it to fall back again. The insect in question is, of course, neither an ant nor a lion. The name is suggestive of the fact that it preys upon ants as lions prey upon antelopes, for example. The ant-lion occurs in the United States in sheltered places where loose sand is available for the particular pits built by the larvae. The imago, or adult insect, has long gauzy wings, both pairs alike, and is about the size of a dragon fly to which it is related.

Land Grants

Land grants were concessions or subsidies made by the United States to settlers, war veterans and to assist railroad companies to obtain funds, by the sale of bonds secured by lands so granted, to construct lines of railway through parts of the United States where the traffic would not pay the running expenses. About 25,000,000 acres of land was given to the railroads of the country by the government. The Illinois Central received a strip of land 12 miles wide, running the whole length of Illinois; the Northern Pacific received 47,000,000 acres; the Atlantic & Pacific, 42,000,000; the Union Pacific, 13,000,000, and other roads in proportion.

Room for Contributions

The Meiji shrine is one of the most sacred places in Japan. It is dedicated to the great Emperor Meiji and his consort, under whose guidance the country first became a nation. The spirit of the great Meiji is believed to dwell in the shrine. There is a constant procession of people coming to pray and a continuous rain of coins in the huge contribution box, which is about ten feet long, four feet wide, and four feet deep. You cannot miss it.

Electricity in the Body

Some human beings become charged with an astonishing amount of static electricity, which is only seen in the form of discharges on combed hair or touching metal. There are cases on record in which these sparks were so strong that they accidentally ignited coal gas and even vapors emanating from paint remover and rubber cement—Collier's Weekly.

Savage Negroes in South America

The Bushnegroes make up a savage tribe of Africans living on the upper reaches of the Suddan. Their ancestors were slaves brought from Africa some 200 years ago when the Dutch settled on the coast of Guiana. They escaped to the jungle and established themselves. They number about 90,000.

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Origin of Honeydew Melons

The honeydew melon as the market in this country is the same as the melon variety Paris seedmen as Antilles. Winter green seeded melon. The original seed of the honeydew melon is said to have been obtained from a melon shipped from Africa to New York city. This seed was planted at Rocky Ford, Colo.

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The chain letter racket seems to be on the wane. Too many trying to get a profit seems to be the weak link.

Reports from Northern Ontario say that the trout fishing season is very good. The weather is ideal for this pleasure.

Still worshipping on the site of the first log church erected in 1828, parishioners of St. Phillip's Anglican Church at Weston will observe their 107th anniversary soon.

The Adopt-a-Child Week having been a pronounced success, the idea might be extended to other mortals needing help and encouragement, such as an out-of-work.

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