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LETTER FROM STONY LAKE.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:
Dear Sir.—As this section of our fair
province is new to me it occurred to
me that a partial description of it
might be of interest to you and some
of the readers of your valuable
paper.

The point from which I now look
out on the romantic scenes of this
watering place is called Salmon Island,
the property of our esteemed fellow
citizen and principal of our flourishing
high school and his good wife, and if it
were in order I should like to say
something of the all but peerless
hospitality of these good friends. This,
however, must be passed over. Salmon
Island is situated most advantageously.
It is adjacent to the mainland, the
post office, the main landing and the
store; also the Methodist Church which
as in many other rural districts is the
only church within reach.

The navigable waters of which
Stony Lake is the larger portion ex-
tends a distance of between thirty and
forty miles, and is dotted throughout
with islands of all shapes and sizes,
and as the steamers and our beautiful
little launch, the property of principal
Davidson, winds in and out among
them one naturally thinks of the
Thousand Islands. The scenery is
picturesque. Here we have the waving
emerald of the great primeval forest
stretching its massive foliage for al-
most unlimited miles, the silver gleam
of the rivers, and the swimming light
of the sunset.

But after saying this it is easy to
distinguish this attractive summer-
ing place from our Canadian High-
lands called Muskoka for while the
scenery here is rugged it would seem
mild if placed beside the massive
mountains and wide spreading waters
of Muskoka. This, however, does not
dissipate the feeling that possesses one
while feasting the lungs on this bracing
air, which is expressed in the scripture
phrase "It is food for us to be here."
We reached this haven of rest by
way of Toronto, Port Hope, Peter-
borough and Lakefield. We shall re-
turn by way of Lindsay. The trip
coming is a most scenic one, and we
hope the return trip will be equally
grand.

G. SIDNEY SMITH.
Clarina, July 29, 1912.

News Notes.

Jack, the 9 year old son of G. F.
Beaumont, Deer Park Crescent, Toron-
to, fell off his uncle's supply boat,
Beaumaris, Muskoka, on Saturday,
and was drowned. The boy's uncle,
Captain Frank Beaumaris, plunged in
after him, and began to swim with
him towards the steamer, but was
seized with cramp and was also
drowned.

The Good Roads Commissioners met
Tuesday morning at the York Muni-
cipal Hall and decided to build a brick
road on a concrete foundation on the
Weston hill, and Engineer James was
instructed to push on with the work.
It was estimated that the cost for
three-quarters of a mile would be
\$5000, which is \$2000 more than would
be required to construct a macadam
road as originally proposed. The com-
missioners, however, considered that a
macadam surface would not stand the
strain of the heavy traffic which passes
up and down the hill, and that a per-
manent road with a concrete base,
while more expensive to lay down,
would in the end, from its greater
durability, prove a cheaper invest-
ment. Over 60 miles of roadway have
been completed up to date, and to
handle the remainder of the 110 miles
under the commissioners' jurisdiction
will necessitate a further application
to the government, the city and the
county for a further grant of \$100,000.

RADIAL EXTENSION

The nine-mile extension of the To-
ronto suburban radial from Weston
to Woodbridge, which was to have
been completed by October and in
operation this winter, will not be
ready for a passenger traffic until next
year. Up to a few days ago the com-
pany had hoped that the construction
work would be through on time, but
the refusal of the iron foundries to
accept orders for the bridges at less
than four and five months' delivery
has rendered a through service im-
possible this year. The grading of the
line is well approaching completion,
and except for the gaps which will be
filled by the bridge steel will be laid
before the winter. The contractors
however, are putting in temporary
trestles across which rails will be laid
to enable the construction engines to
work. Consequently construction
trains will be running from Toronto
right into Woodbridge this year,
though no actual service will be put in
force until the permanent bridges are
in position. At the present time close
on one hundred men and about half as
many teams are hurrying on the
grading work between Toronto and
the Woodbridge terminus of the
branch.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS.

The results of the Middle School
examination for entrance into the
Normal Schools were published in
Monday's dailies. Successful candidates
who desire to attend the coming
session of the Normal schools are
notified that their applications for
admission must be made to the Deputy
Minister of Education not later than
Tuesday, September 3rd. The Normal
Schools will open on Tuesday, Sep-
tember 24th, at which time all candi-
dates must present themselves. Appli-
cants are required to be at least 18
years of age before October 1st.

The following are the successful
candidates for the county of York,
arranged alphabetically:—G. D. Aiken-
head, E. G. Brown, M. E. Cassie, B.
Cooke, L. K. Devitt, A. Delaney, A.
Farr, F. R. Fluke, M. H. Gibson, H.
A. Griffiths, M. G. Hassard, W. L.
Hamilton, M. B. Horsley, F. H. Ineson,
M. A. Irvine, W. J. Irwin, E. A.
James, N. M. Johnston, L. P. Lewis,
E. S. Learoyd, L. K. Malcolm, L.
Mann, W. G. Marrett, I. Marshall, O.
H. McAvoy, D. McCallum, F. D. Mc-
Lean, I. M. McVean, E. M. McQuarrie,
A. Meyer, E. C. Morgan, V. M. Mount,
W. E. Neilly, G. P. Pearson, P. R.
Pollock, M. Porter, E. I. Pugsley, I.
Reesor, G. W. Ramsay, R. E. Robin-
son, F. A. Rowntree, K. W. Smith,
M. E. Starr, K. Storey, A. Stouffer,
M. Switzer, M. L. Underwood, J. C.
Wagg, H. J. Weir, M. D. Whitson,
M. C. Widdifield.

Jefferson.

A very enjoyable time was spent
last Wednesday evening, July 24, at
the home of the Misses Elliott, Bonnie
Bae, when Miss Lizzie Brown was
made the recipient of a handsome
dinner set. All who had contributed
toward the gift were invited to spend
the evening. After the presentation
Miss Brown replied in a few well
chosen words, after which refresh-
ments were served. The evening was
spent in conversation, music, and some
good recitations from Miss F. M.
Brown, which added greatly to the
pleasure of the evening. The party
broke up about twelve o'clock, each
one feeling that he had obeyed the
voice of the Master when he said,
"Bear ye one another's burdens, and
so fulfil the law of Christ."

Mrs. Husband, Miss Ella Rutherford,
and Mr. Forsythe of Davisville, also
Mrs. Geo. Thompson and daughter
Irene of Richmond Hill, spent the
week end at the home of Mr. F. Elliott.

Mrs. Ed. Legge and daughter Hilda
of Toronto, who have been spending
their vacation at the home of the
former's father, Oak Ridges, made a
few calls on old friends at Jefferson.

Miss Mary Gorman who is now
spending her holidays here, purposes
starting for the North-West about the
beginning of September.

Mr. Geo. Dibb and Mr. W. Cosgrove
have finished cutting their fall wheat.

Maple.

The Rev. W. E. Slaght, Ph.D., of
Baker University, Kansas, and a dis-
tinguished graduate of Toronto Uni-
versity, will supply St. Andrew's and
St. Paul's, Vaughan, next Sunday.

FORESTRY CONVENTION IN VICTORIA.

The annual convention of the Can-
adian Forestry Association, for the
first time since 1906, is to be held this
year on the Pacific Coast, the place
being Victoria, and the dates Sept. 4,
5 and 6. Mr. James Lawler, of Ot-
tawa, Secretary of the Association,
has just returned from the coast where
arrangements are now well under way
for the meeting. In addition a num-
ber of prominent men interested in
forest conservation in the east, both
lumbermen and others, have signified
their intention of being present. The
railways have granted specially low
rates to delegates, and as the subjects
discussed will be of importance to all
parts of Canada, it is expected there
will be a large attendance. A number
of well known forest engineers and
lumbermen from the United States will
also attend.

THE INDUSTRIAL FARM

The Toronto Daily Star of Monday
referred to the plans for the buildings
to be erected on the jail farm, a mile
and a half south of this village. The
paragraph read as follows:—When
erected, the industrial farm will be
complete in all details. The plans call
for no less than ten separate buildings,
to accommodate 500 inmates. This in-
cludes eight cottages or dormitories to
accommodate from 50 to 75 each, the
main building, with cuisines and
dining rooms, and one infirmary. All
the buildings are connected by a series
of open corridors, making one com-
plete farm unit. Work will be com-
menced upon the first portion of the
jail farm buildings this fall. Dormitories
and a main building to accommodate
150 persons will be complete in the
spring, and other portions will be ad-
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