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All Honor to The Plow

The International Plowing Match is in progress this week at Niagara on the Lake and various county and township matches will be held during the next few weeks. It is indeed fitting that we should pay homage to the plow, by means of which man all through the years has been able to gain a living from nature.

It is impossible not to marvel at victories that the plowshare has won even in the County of York. How it has intermingled the leaf mould, the superstructure, to produce the cropbearing soil! How it has opened and drained the swampy places where the scrub cedars and alders grew! How it has scattered the interlacing masses of well rotted logs, wherein the partridges used to rustle, which the bears loved to burrow after fat grubs! How it has turned the wooded wilderness into fat farms, feeding hundreds of cattle to every single one the forest used to nourish! An amazing miracle worker, that plowshare!

Shall we ever improve upon the principle of the plowshare? For thousands of years we have had it. The face of the world has been changed wonderfully by it, but we using it, have worked no very great improvement upon it. We make it draw more easily, we multiply its furrows, we speed up its effect, but its principle remains unchangeable. Who was that benefactor of the human race who invented it? It is known that England got its mouldboard plough from Flanders or Holland sometime before 1740, and for years after made what were known as Rotherdam plows, in Yorkshire for the whole kingdom. But the Old Country had plows before them, although not of that pattern—wood edged with metal. The Israelites had plows in Issac's time when at Gerar that patriarch "reaped a hundred fold." In Samuel's day they had metal plowshares, for they had to go: "down to the Philistines to sharpen every man his share and his coulter." They certainly had them in the time of the major and minor prophets when there was mention made of beating swords into plowshares or vice-versa. The Romans twice called Cincinnatus, a farmer, from his plow to command their forces. Virgil and other agricultural writers often speak of the plow and share which perhaps went out of use when the Roman Empire went to pieces and the world went mad for a season. The Egyptians had decent plows, depend upon it, in the days before Tutankhamen lived and died, when Egypt was one of the world's granaries, the valley of the Euphrates its chief competitor.

A Frenchman has been trying to persuade his countrymen that he has invented an improved plowshare. But this is rather a novel sort of a cultivator, or "scuffer," as we used to call it, which digs into and breaks up the subsoil. The only improvement in sight upon the share which overturns and softens the soil is the spade which does the same work, more thoroughly, more laboriously, more expensively, and was superseded by the plow. They still use the spade a good deal on the farmlands in Germany and elsewhere. But we should make a sorry sort of a job of raising crops of wheat with the spade as the implement for preparing the soil. We dare not say that improvement upon the plowshare is impossible. That would be absurd in this age of discovery and invention. Nothing we have made yet is perfect beyond some possibility of improvement, just as the only "perfect man" in knowledge is the fool!

Some means of hurrying and cheapening the hard toil of plowing will probably come and the task awaits some genius to tell the people of the twentieth century some means of turning the sod, superior to that which Isaac employed, or Pharaoh's subjects used when the hungry world used to go down to Egypt to buy corn.

Levity Of The Press

The fact that there is no place like home is why so many people go away from it for a holiday.—Border Cities Star.

It takes years to get a good reputation, but in a political campaign it only takes a few minutes to get a bad one.—Kitchener Record.

One way to study language is to stop a man who is chasing his hat and ask for a match.—Kitchener Record.

The pedestrian has the undisputed right of way—but they go right on making tombstones just the same.—Border Cities Star.

A thief stole an angel food cake, a newspaper reports, and returned it with a note to say that he didn't like vanilla flavoring.—Galt Reporter.

It was farmer's day at the exhibition which is just another way of saying that there were more automobiles than usual on the grounds.—Hamilton Spectator.

What A Band Means To A Town

When speaking about bands and town bands in particular, we sometimes hear people say; "What good is a band to a town anyway?" No thinking person would make this remark, for a good band is certainly one of the most useful things a community can possess.

As an advertiser it is unexcelled. Emerson says something about the world making a beaten path. A good band makes all the roads leading to the town beaten paths.

Even though the town's other attractions be not enormous, every merchant is benefited by a band. Many people come to a town to attend the entertainments, and they combine shopping with pleasure.

The promoters of business and musical enterprises always have the satisfaction of knowing that their civic demonstrations from time to time will be successful, if they have a first class band to lead the parade and attract the crowd.

A band composed of able players is a tower of strength in any town or section of country. It cultivates the public ear to a higher class of music, and does it right at your door too.

Every enterprising citizen should boost for the town band.

"The melancholy days" are here. Don't believe it. It was a mournful moment that inspired genius to paint a somber canvas of nature's most glorious garb. "Frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock." The arbors

hang heavy with grapes and the apple trees glow at sun-down dull red with fruit. Every hill is radiant with flaming reds and yellows and subtler tones that reveal the frost king's art.

The last days of October will soon be here and with them come the strange visitors, witches, ghosts and so on—or at least it brings the fun of looking for them in our Hallowe'en celebration.

Many of our readers will recall the gusto with which Hallowe'en was celebrated in this district in the early days, when mischievous youngsters and others indulged in pranks at the expense of their more prosaic neighbors. However, much of the exuberance of Hallowe'en festivities has passed away and beyond some comparatively mild pranks by the youngsters, the anniversary has become a dead letter with many of us.

The farm boy or girl, like their city cousin, sooner or later will reach the point where they will have to decide what shall be their life work. All cannot have what they like but it is most important that they should like what they have. Some people don't know a good thing when they see it. Dislike may be the result of a silly prejudice. Many a boy has forfeited the heritage of a good farm, respect of his acquaintances and a comfortable living through the mere dislike of having mud on his boots or wearing work clothes.

The fact that so many respectable people like farming, and are prospering in this avocation is certain evidence that the business of farming is all right. If a person does not succeed on the average farm the reason is seldom to be found in the land, stock or corps. Look the man over.

Has he learned to farm?
Has he had a fair start?
Does he like the job?

The man who is not in love with his job is one of the most unfortunate persons in the world. No sum of money, no power or distinction, can bring the genuine satisfaction and contentment that a man receives when he likes the work which he has to do.

Prize Winners at Vellore Annual School Fair

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12; 6, Gene Troyer, No. 13.

Candy—1, Violet Jordan, No. 12; 2, Mildred Dieeman, No. 9; 3, Jennie McNeil, No. 9; 4, Doris Allan, No. 18; 5, Dorothy Castator, No. 10; 6, Bessie Hollingshead, No. 17.

Date Loaf—1, Jessie Watson, No. 12; 2, Gladys Smith, No. 8; 3, Doris Cook, No. 5; 4, Aileen O'Rourke, No. 12; 5, Blanche Sandford, No. 16; 6, Mary Brien, No. 10.

Cocoanut Macaroons—1, Hazel Carson, No. 10; 2, Doris Allan, No. 18; 3, Jack Lindsay, No. 18; 4, Ruby Foster, No. 7; 5, Clara Phillips, No. 7; 6, Mildred Crook, No. 5.

Hand Hemmed Tea Towel—1, Gladys Harrison, No. 9; 2, Donilda Blanchard, No. 12; 3, Mildred Nattress, No. 15; 4, Irene Maxey, No. 12; 5, Mae Dickin, No. 12; 6, Jean Brownlee, No. 16.

Dressed Doll—1, Irene Maxey, No. 12; 2, Donilda Blanchard, No. 12; 3, Violet Jordan, No. 12; 4, Gladys Harrison, No. 9; 5, Mae Dickin, No. 12; 6, Bertha Lund, No. 19.

Factory Cotton Apron—1, Mae Dickin, No. 12; 2, Donilda Blanchard, No. 12; 3, Marion Watson, No. 12; 4, Gladys Harrison, No. 9; 5, Mary Stevenson, No. 12; 6, Marie Castator, No. 10.

Centre-piece—1, Donilda Blanchard, No. 12; 2, Marion Watson, No. 12; 3, Gladys Harrison, No. 9; 4, Florence McAllister, No. 18; 5, Dora McAllister, No. 18; 6, Dylis McAllister, No. 18.

Any Other Article—1, Donilda Blanchard, No. 12; 2, Marion Allan, No. 18; 3, Mary Maxey, No. 12; 4, Pearl Kitchener, No. 13; 5, Elma Hendry, No. 7; 6, Jessie Watson, No. 12.

Junior Public Speaking—1, Jack Lindsay, No. 18; 2, Robt. Watson, No. 11; 3, W. Breadman, No. 12; 4, Dorothy Hogan, No. 9; 5, Hughie Yerex, No. 19.

Senior Public Speaking—1, Norma Armstrong, (Champion) No. 13; 2, Clara Phillips, No. 10; 3, Mae Dickin, No. 12; 4, Doris Allan, No. 18; 5, Robt. Johnston, No. 8.

Riding Contest—1, Cameron McClure, No. 15; 2, Albt. Rutherford, No. 9; 3, Betty Snider, No. 12; 4, Alex McNeil, No. 9; 5, Arthur Greenberry, No. 10; 6, Marie Castator, No. 10.

Stock Judging Competition Team—1, S. S. No. 16; 2, S. S. No. 11; 3, S. S. No. 8; 4, S. S. No. 7; 5, S. S. No. 12.

First Aid Contest—1, S. S. No. 12; 2, S. S. No. 15; 3, S. S. No. 13; 4, S. S. No. 16; 6, S. S. No. 8.

Stratheona Drill—1, S. S. No. 12; 2, S. S. No. 10; 3, S. S. No. 18; 4, S. S. No. 16; 5, S. S. No. 9; 6, S. S. 13; 7, S. S. No. 8.

Singing Contest—1, S. S. 12; 2, S. S. 10; 3, S. S. 17; 4, S. S. 9; 5, S. S. 8.

Diet Contest—1, S. S. 10; 2, S. S. 12; 3, S. S. 7.

Girls Judging Competition—1, S. S. 12; 2, S. S. 16; 3, S. S. 11; 4, S. S. 7; 5, S. S. 8; 6, S. S. 9.

Jersey Calf Special—1, Norman Baggs, No. 8; 2, Dorothy Baggs, No. 8; 3, Mona Baggs, No. 8; 4, Irvin Smith, No. 8; 5, Robt. McNeil, No. 9; 6, Ruth Smith, No. 8; 7, Blanche McDonald, No. 9; 8, Cameron McNeil, No. 9.

Pupil winning the highest number of points at the Fair—Florence McAllister of S. S. 18.

School winning the highest number of points at the Fair, according to the number of pupils on roll, S. S. 12.

Uxbridge Township Still Has Deputy

While Markham and Whitchurch hadn't a single appeal against the Voter's lists as prepared by the municipal clerks of the respective places, over in Uxbridge township no less than 75 appeals were filed, which were dealt with in Goodwood with his Honor Judge Ruddy presiding.

An effort was being made by some of names on the Voter's lists, so that the municipality would not be entitled to a deputy-reeve at the county council. To do this only 35 names needed to be removed. Of the 75 appeals, 55 were to be struck off and 20 added. The judge allowed thirty-one to be struck off, while those interested in adding more names to the list succeeded in adding nine. This left the township with 1007 names on the list of those who go up for jury list, or just seven more than the minimum number, required to entitle the township to a deputy-reeve.

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