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To the School Children

Dear Boys and Girls:—

The Editor has thought of a new contest especially for you and has asked me to tell you about it. It is open to all the children of schools of York County who have not passed their entrance examinations.

Just write us a letter about anything you like. Don't write more than one hundred words. Write very neatly in ink on one side of the paper only. Address it to Joan Selkirk, Liberal Office, Richmond Hill. The best letter received each week will be printed in the paper and the writer will get a nice Eversharp pencil for a prize. The teachers or somebody at home may suggest a subject for you to write about but you must compose and write the letter yourself. And we don't want any of our boys and girls to tell fibs and say that they wrote it themselves if they didn't.

It doesn't matter whether your parents take the Liberal or not, they will probably be taking it as soon as they find out what a good paper it is.

So send along your letters children. Let's see who will get the first pencil.
Your loving friend,
JOAN SELKIRK.

Public School Report

Report S. S. No. 7, Markham
The following is the standing of pupils in II, III, and IV classes in Mental Arithmetic for month of October.

Anna Winger, 293; Allen Heise, 293; Beryl Lyon, 242; Muriel Freeland 230; Florence Dost, 226; Glen Smith, 207; Allen Doner, 201; Freeda Henderson, 187; Myrtle Steckley 177; Blanche Henderson, 171; Helen Winger, 164; Alma Trench, 163; Evelyn McMullen, 154; Marion Heise, 151; John Smith 128; Marion Baker, 99; Ruth Henderson, 99; Reta Sider, 87; Vera Brillinger, 58; Earl Empringham, 49; Reginald McMullen, 41; Givenith Moynihaw, 38; James Dennie 32, K., Empringham, 0; Vera Wilson, 0; Fred Wilson, 0.

The last three were away much of the time.

York Market

Now that the County Market at the City Limits on Yonge Street has the additional building completed the market people are ready for winter. They now have 2100 square feet of covered market and 1200 sq feet of open market.

Saturday morning and Tuesday night the outstanding features were the drop in potatoes to six quarts for 30 to 35 cents or by the bag to \$1.90 and \$2.00.

Eggs were up another five cents, 70 and 75 cents a dozen was not unusual although they did sell as low as 60 cents a dozen.

Butter 40 to 45 cents per pound. Generally speaking prices were normal with a trend to being easier.

Burnett Avenue Will Be Paved.

Expect That It Will Be Completed This Fall

Although a petition has been filed with the North York Township Council since March 1925, petitioning for a permanent pavement on Burnett Avenue, Lansing, from Yonge Street to Walker Road, it did not seem to reap any successful results until recently as October 21st, when a special session of Council was called to consider the advisability of proceeding with its construction. W. W. Anderson, 3rd Deputy Reeve and Councillor Carson were absent, at this special session. On a motion from 2nd Deputy Scrase, seconded by 1st Deputy Muirhead, Reeve Hicks giving the casting vote, By-Law 402 was passed providing for the construction of a permanent pavement. The Warren Bituminous Paving Company was awarded the contract at an estimated cost of \$13,000. Since the passing of the By-Law, a protest in the form of a letter had been received by Council, and signed by fourteen non-residents and mortgagees of the Willowdale Arena Company questioning the legality of the Special Session and protesting against the construction of pavement.

Owing to the protest received it was thought necessary to bring the matter up for discussion again at the regular meeting of Council, on Monday last when all members of the Council could be present. The deputations from the Willowdale Arena Co. was heard, but the protest was of no avail, the By-Law was re-passed providing for the construction of the permanent pavement, and the contract again awarded to the Warren Bituminous paving Company who expect to complete the work this fall.

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THE TIME TO BE THANKFUL.

When the government sets a special day for Thanksgiving it doesn't mean that we should confine our thanks to that day, by any means. It is rather as a day of reckoning, of balancing our books and adding up our blessings. Some people may think that this year there is very little to be thankful for, for the rain all fall has surely played havoc with the farmer's plans. There are crops still in the field, potatoes not dug, threshing is late, corn had to be cut by hand, there is very little fall wheat planted, the prospects for fall plowing are very poor, and so on through a long list of grievances. These are all disastrous in their way but nothing is ever so bad that it might not be worse and we should be thankful that the things that haven't happened haven't happened. There are districts in the United States where flooded rivers have ruined entire crops, have flooded barns and dwellings, and animals and people have lost their lives. Our rainy season is a small trouble compared with that. Then we should be thankful, when we read in the papers of the terrible destruction caused by tornadoes and earthquakes, that we don't live in the zone where such things occur.

Then we must be thankful every day of every year that we live in a country of religious and political freedom. Over three hundred years ago the Pilgrim Fathers came to North America in order to obtain religious freedom, to be able to worship God according to the dictates of their own hearts. Many of us in this country today are direct descendants of those sturdy pioneers and we still keep the Thanksgiving which they instituted so many years ago.

As we view things today they had not much to be thankful for. The hardships which they endured are recounted in many books, their continual dread of raids by the Indians their fights with wild animals which carried off what little stock they could raise. All these things have gone into the past but they left us one most important thing—their Thanksgiving Day.

So let us balance our books and see what blessings have been poured forth upon us—many more than we deserve in most cases. We may not have wealth but we have health and there is no question as to which of the two is more desirable. Our crops may not be in particularly good shape but everybody has something, our barns may not be as full as usual but at any rate the barns are still there; it would have been worse if we had been burned out and had neither crops nor barns. The corn borer has wrought destruction in some districts but it is rapidly being brought under control and anyway it isn't as bad as if our cattle had developed the dreaded foot and mouth disease! Things might easily be worse.

And if we still think we have been badly treated it won't hurt each one of us to stop and think for a minute, "well, who am I, anyway, to think that trouble should pass me by. Others have their doubts and surely I am not of so much importance that I shouldn't carry my share of the load."

It is so much easier to ask for things than it is to remember to say "thank you." Did you ever watch a crowd of children asking for samples at the Exhibition? How they hold out eager hands, shouting "Gimme one, mister, please gimme one." How the fortunate ones move on gloating over the treasures which they have obtained for nothing and how cross and angry are those who have not obtained any.

Aren't we like that, too? Holding out our hands to God asking—asking—asking for benefits, often undeserved, and then turning away without even a "Thank you." Let us remember to be thankful every day of our lives and never take our blessings for granted.

THE NEWTONBROOK PLANET

Newtonbrook, Ont., October 31st, 1926.

Diamonds are only chunks of coal
That stuck to their jobs, you see.
If they'd petered out, as most of us do,
Where would the diamond be?
It isn't the fact of making a start,
It's the sticking that counts, I'll say;
It's the fellow that knows not the meaning of fail,
But hammers and hammers away.
Whenever you think you've come to the end,
And you're beaten as bad as can be;
Remember that diamonds are chunks of coal
That stuck to their jobs, you see.—Anon.

That's the lesson for Temperance People to-day. Don't peter out on the job but stick to it and you'll win.

It is well to remember, however, that the enemy is nothing if he is not clever and the old deceiver is again tempting you with money profits and reduced taxes. Before being hoodwinked by all these seductive promises of Government Control, wise voters will see how it has worked in other Provinces that have had it. Government Control says that it will get the profits of the business that the bootleggers now get. Is it to be expected that the bootleggers who have cheated the Government under the O. T. A. are going to turn honest under G. C.? Especially when they can get liquor easier to carry on their business. The Mayor of Vancouver City, according to the Vancouver "Sun," says, "There is lots of bootlegging we know and so does the attorney-general. It will continue as long as the Government sells liquor for a profit." The same things are said in Quebec and other G. C. Provinces. Bootlegging flourishes under G. C. And that is not the worst. No one, not even the big brewers, in his business is ready to play the game straight. The liquor business is not only unscrupulously selfish but crooked to the limit. Every brewery in Manitoba was convicted in 1922 and all but one in January, 1926. 61.5 per cent. of all beer manufactured in Manitoba in 1925 was illegally disposed of.

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