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TEMPERANCEVILLE

Quite a number from here motored to Vandorf last Tuesday to hear the final debate between Keswick and Temperanceville, the subject being "Resolved that an aggressive policy of immigration would be of the best interest to Canada at the present time." Jennie Kerswill and Leonard Harman who upheld the negative side was declared as winners. Miss Halman of Toronto presented the shield to the president, Ruth Jennings. "Congratulations to all who helped to win the shield."

Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Faulkner of Toronto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kerswill on Sunday.

The great preacher at St. John's Church, Oak Ridges, on Sunday was the Rev. R. B. McElheran, M.A., D.D., Principal of Wycliffe College, Toronto. The service was conducted by the rector. About sixty from the Orange Orphanage attended this most inspiring service.

Mrs. Caseley and Stanley visited Mr. and Mrs. Harman Caseley at Vellore on Sunday.

Don't forget the A.Y.P.A. banquet which will be held at the Parish Hall on Monday, May 21st. Mr. Harold Mills of the Provincial Council will be the guest speaker.

The regular monthly meeting of the Willing Workers Mission Band will be held at the church on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Daniel Kerswill of Toronto spent a few days last week with her son, Giles Kerswill.

The Y.P.S. was in charge of the Christian Fellowship Convener on Friday evening.

The Y.P.S. presented their play "The Winning of Joy" at Armitage last Thursday.

A life insurance agent approached Rastus the other day.

"Better let me write you a policy, Rastus."

Rastus (emphatically)—"No, sah! Ah ain't any too safe at home as it is."

VELLORE

Miss Jean McKinnon of Weston spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McKinnon.

The girls from the district who attended the Girls Conference held at O.A.C. Guelph were, Misses Mary Constable, Gwen Beck, Marion Phillips, Gladys Harrison and Laurena Rutherford. The Vellore Women's Institute is commended for their generous support which enabled these girls to take advantage of the conference.

Congratulations to the Vellore Football Team who defeated Connaughts 4-0. Hope they continue with the good play and retain the "Cup" which they won last season.

A large number of the members of St. Paul's Women's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. Garnet Hoover for their May meeting. The president, Miss Annie Kerr, presided and the roll call was answered with "Do's and Don'ts for W.M.S. members." Mrs. E. Harris read a chapter from the study book and Mrs. Harry Dooks led in prayer. Mrs. C. H. Rutherford gave a paper on "W.M.S. work in India and Formosa." Gleanings from the Glad Tidings were given by Mrs. Harry Dooks. Mrs. Archie Cameron and Miss Annie Kerr gave excellent reports of the Provincial Presbyterian held at Hamilton.

Mrs. F. Witherspoon and Mrs. Herb. Farr rendered a duet which was much appreciated. The committee and the hostess served lunch.

We are glad to report that Miss Sadie Windas is able to be out again, having been confined to her bed for several weeks.

Mother was busy preparing tea when little Jimmy arrived home after a trying day at school.

"I say, mum," said the boy, with a puzzled frown, "who invented school?"

Mother, who was too occupied to give the question much thought, just replied with the first thing that came into her head.

"Oh, she said, "a very wise old gentleman."

"H'm," said Jimmy, "I might have known it would be a grown-up."

FARM ECONOMY AND NATIONAL ECONOMY

By V. W. Bladen

The farmer is necessarily concerned with the economical management of his farm. But the day is long past when each farm could be considered as an isolated unit, when the farmer and his family consumed the products of their farm. Now the typical farmer produces for sale and buys from others the things his family needs. He and his farm are now part of a great national system of production; the farmer must then concern himself with national economy. In the old pioneer days the success and comfort of the farmer depended mainly on his own qualities, skill, hard work and thrift, in other words an economical farm management. To-day the success and comfort of the farmer depend on these same qualities, economical farm management must still be the prime interest of each farmer; but his efforts may be of little use if the productive system as a whole is not functioning properly. All farmers are concerned with national economy. To the natural hazards of farming has been added a new hazard; a fall in prices may destroy a crop as effectively as a drought. There is however an essential difference between the natural hazard and the price hazard; you cannot do anything about the drought but you can do something about the prices. Not that anyone farmer can do anything, to him a fall in prices has the same inevitability as the drought; but something can be done by the farmers acting together. But to act intelligently as a group they must have some understanding of how the national system of production functions; they need to know something about national economy as well as farm economy. This is difficult; even those who spend their whole lives trying to understand these problems are still in doubt as to the solution of many of them. How then is the farmer, who requires all his energy and thought to own his farm successfully, going to learn to solve the problems of national economy too? Frankly, I do not think he can, but I do think he could learn enough about economics, how the system as a whole works, so as to be able to choose his leaders more intelligently and to follow them more intelligently; and I believe that many might be found for leadership who would never have thought of problems beyond their own farms if they had not been persuaded to study economics. Therefore, I plead for the study of economics by farmers and particularly by young farmers.

I have said that the farmers must act together. I want to add a word about the sort of united action they must take if they are to enjoy a reasonable return for their labour. I believe they must combine to sell their product, in an age of combination and monopoly the farmer must not continue to compete. A fair and reasonable bargain is only possible between parties of roughly equal wealth and power. Farming remains a small scale industry for technical reasons; for business reasons the farmers must combine for the sale of their products. They must also, I believe, combine to secure legislative action. More and more the wealth of particular regions and particular industries is coming to depend more on government action than on competitive bargaining. The needs of agriculture must receive due attention in the legislatures which frame such policies. I do not wish to incite farmers as a class to unrestrained selfish grabbing; but at the moment I believe that they need to act as a class to secure their due reward. I hope they will then act as a class to promote the interest of the nation.

LASKAY

Anniversary Service

Laskay United Church will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the laying of the corner stone on Sunday, May 27th. Rev. R. Brydon, a former pastor of this community, now of Collingwood, will be the guest speaker for both the afternoon and evening services. Bolton choir will lead the singing at the evening service.

On Monday night, May 28th, a cold meat supper will be served in the church basement. Newtonbrook quartette will give several selections, also different ones who were members some years ago will be asked to address the gathering.

A goodly number attended the Mothers' Day service Sunday. The choir was mothers assisted by the men of the regular choir. Mr. Davis addressed the Sunday School on the "Joys of Living." Visitors who were present were, Mrs. Rankin of Toronto and Miss W. Boys, Mrs. Sharp of the seventh line King, Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hadwin and family of Teston.

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER

There will be many fields in York County not sown this year because the farmers have not sufficient money to buy seed, a prominent farmer reported last week.

The great burden of provincial debt and the excessive taxation of the present day weighs heavily on the farmer.

A suggested topic for an article in that propaganda sheet called the "Straight Furrow" which has made its appearance on the eve of an election would be "MILKING THE FARMER."

Throughout this district and over a large portion of Ontario the fall wheat crop is a failure. Farmers have had to plant their fields with other grain crops. Only in Essex County and adjacent border areas is the crop reported as satisfactory. Ontario is a major producer of fall wheat in Canada, the normal production being about 700,000 bushels. Present indications are that this year's crop will not be half this amount.

"The young farmer of to-morrow will, I hope, have ceased to be an in-and-outer. You know what I mean—a man who, when pork is high, rushes into pigs, and then when the horizon is darkened with pigs and the price is going down, is anxiously looking for some other chance to plunge. If wheat is high, he breaks up land that should be in pasture and that should never have been broken perhaps, and then when the wheat market slumps, well, he is ready to try something else. That man is not a farmer; he is only masquerading as one. I hope that the hypothetical young man that we are considering will save and invest soundly his profit when prices are good and that he will know better than to throw up his hands and quit because prices have gone down."—Dean E. A. Howes, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Alberta in an address published in "Scientific Agriculture."

Choosing the Site of a Farm Well

The situation of the farm well is often the factor which determines whether the family will have pure and wholesome water to drink or water that is unsanitary, provoking disease.

It is desirable to locate the well 150 feet from any polluting source such as the barn, manured fields or gardens, septic tanks, open ditches, roads, garbage heaps of even away from the dwelling house where waste water may be thrown out or where there may be poultry runs or dog kennels.

Severe Winter Killing

From all parts of the province come reports of serious damage to fall wheat, alfalfa and clover. Following are extracts from reports received from representatives in various counties.

Bruce: Fall wheat has not wintered well and many fields are completely killed out. There has been considerable winter killing of alfalfa and clover, too. Dufferin: New seeding of fall wheat is improving and is much more promising than was expected, but most wheatfields will have to be seeded to barley. Halton: A conservative estimate would say that 75 per cent of the fall wheat will have to be torn up or patched. A heavy increase in acreage of annual hay and pasture mixtures for this purpose are being used. North Simcoe: The majority of farmers report total loss of wheat, clover and alfalfa. It is not now expected that more than 2 per cent of the wheat crop will be a normal crop, while another 15 per cent may be partially saved as a feed grain crop by patching. Waterloo: Over 70 per cent of fall wheat acreage will be resown to barley or mixed grain. About 40 per cent of clovers and alfalfa will have to be plowed up and an annual hay crop sown. Elgin: Fall wheat is very spotty. Some fields wintered well, while others are badly winter killed. Haldimand: Reports indicate that fall wheat, alfalfa and clover will be spotty. Lambton: Fall wheat will be a good 80 per cent crop. Middlesex: Fall wheat, alfalfa and cover have shown considerable growth during the warm weather of early May. While the majority of fields look quite promising, there are some wheat fields in many sections being seeded to spring grains and some clover fields being plowed up and in many cases seeded to an annual hay mixture. Durham: Most of the fall wheat acreage has been cultivated and sown to barley or re-cleaned western spring wheat. Hastings: Fall wheat and clovers have been severely killed out and farmers are finding it difficult to secure seed. Ontario: Fall wheat is almost a total loss. Alfalfa and cover are badly damaged, but the warm weather has brought them along. Northumberland: About 75 per cent of the fall

wheat in this area will not recover from the severe winter, and the same applies to new seeding of alfalfa. Prince Edward: Due to all fall wheat being killed as well as a great percentage of clover and alfalfa, farmers will have about double the spring's work to do this season. Victoria: Now that growth has started, fall wheat acreage that has escaped, can be estimated at 5 per cent. York: It is estimated that in this county, 90 per cent of the fall wheat will be re-seeded to spring grains. This is the heaviest winter killing on record. Frontenac: For a distance of about 25 miles back from the river front, alfalfa and fall wheat have been from 90 to 95 per cent killed. Some fields are totally bare. Strawberries would be about 80 per cent winter killed, raspberries and other bush fruits about 50 per cent. Lennox and Addington: Fall wheat estimated to be practically a total loss and alfalfa and clovers fully 75 per cent.

SLATS' DIARY

BY ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—Ant Emmy has been heering pa tawk a hole lot about Babe

Ruth and ect. and today she sed she wandered if that girl wood ever Grow up and if she, did she thot it wood be a sin and a Shame if they kep on Calling her Babe.

Saturday — I went down to Blisterses hous for supper tonite after weed practised baseball all the afternoon and they had chicken for supper and Blisterses ma ast me what part of the chicken I wood like and I sed about a forth wood be satisfactory. meby. Ma told me I used very bad etaket.

Sunday—Jake ast the Sunday skool teacher if they had Dispepsy in Moseses time and she sed she dident no. and Jake sed he red where Moses tuk 2 Tablets 1 time.

Monday—well skool will soon be out and a good time will be had by all. I hope. Tonite I ast pa what part of Speech was WOMAN & he looks around to se where ma was at and then he anserred and replied Woman is not a part of speech and I sed well what then and he sed WOMAN is 100 per sent of speech. ma was out in the yd. wirking in the flour Bed.

Tuesday—Pa helped the PTA put on a intertainmint last Saturday and today they had a big peace in the paper about him and when ma red it she rimarked to Ant Emmy it sound-ed like meby pa was a corps and they was a Printing his Abituary.

Wensday—Ma and pa went to a Wedding tonite and when they cum home ma was a telling Ant Emmy that the Bride shurely did look Stunning and she sed to pa. Dont you think so. and pa replied and sed. Yes I think she must of ben stunning to frum the way the Groom looked.

Thidsday—Pa says he is afrade the Romance between Job House & his wife is about to bust. Today they had a fite over to the drug store he sed. They was bying a Tooth brush and Job wanted to get a red handle one but Lu wanted a green one to match there bath room Fnish.

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