

BELGIAN FARM LIFE

Belgium, or the corner of it ravaged by war, is a busy and marvellously interesting spot to the farmer lover, according to a Canadian, who writes home as follows: I made the acquaintance of one of the Flemish farmers who was described as wealthy. The farm was his own property. He kept five cows, one horse, and a good many pigs. The house and all the buildings were small, neat, and built close to one another, while 400 vergées (about one acre and a half) were kept under cultivation. Two cool greenhouses, each 130 feet long, were stocked from top to bottom with cauliflower plants, early peas, celery plants, etc., all in pots; while outdoors the well-manured beds were already prepared to receive, as soon as the great frosts would be over, the young plants of early vegetables, cauliflowers, carrots, peas, lettuce, and all sorts of greens and sweet herbs, of which the Belgians make their delicious soups. From these outdoor beds the early crops are usually taken in the first days of May, although the climate is colder than the climate of Kent. Perhaps there is a little more sunshine.

The farmer's wife, a bright, intelligent woman who spoke good French, laughed when I suggested something to her about "the dead season" on the farm. Her husband, herself, her old mother, a young laborer, and the girl servant had plenty of work all the year round, and in summer they had to take on additional help. Five people having plenty to do on a farm of less than one acre and a half, summer and winter alike, explains how they manage to get from this small area the staple food for themselves, their four or five cows, as many pigs, and the horse. In reality they buy only bran and beetroot refuse from the sugar factories to feed their live stock. I was told that the cows yielded a daily average of at least 100 litres (88 quarts) of milk. They are milked three times a day, and the early morning's milk is taken to Ghent by the farmer's wife herself in the horse cart. She has in the town a number of regular customers for milk, butter and vegetables. The second and third milkings go to make butter, while the skimmed milk feeds the calves and the pigs. Every year they sell pigs. "Our pigs are well fed," the farmer's wife said, "and they always weigh at least 200 kilos" (440 lbs.). The vegetables bring in about \$300 a year.

DARKIES' CORNERS.

Owing to ill health, Miss Anna Scott has resigned her school for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. G. Noble, Hutton Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Lindsay and family spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hunt, Allan Park. Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacques, Mrs. C. Ritchie, Miss Edna, and Mr. Murray Ritchie, motor to Walkerton on the 24th, and as the day was an ideal one the trip was delightful.

Misses Agnes McGirr and Victoria of town were visitors at No. 9 Sabbath school on Sunday.

Mrs. Zulef of Hanover spent the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. W. Hargrave.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Atkinson of Toronto spent over the 24th with Mr. and Mrs. Will Atkinson.

Mr. Archie McComb of Toronto, who has enlisted, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McComb.

Mr. Stanley Weir of Owen Sound spent over the 24th with his brother and Mr. and Mrs. W. Atkinson.

Mr. Murray Ritchie has purchased a Ford car from C. Smith & Sons.

Mr. John Murdock of town passed through the burg taking orders for putting on lightning rods.

Pte. Ed. Lindsay paid a short visit to his parents before leaving for Niagara, and neighbors, taking advantage of his home-coming presented him with an appropriate address and purse of money. The evening was pleasantly spent. Below is the address:

To Pte. Edward Lindsay. Dear Friend.—We, as a community have once more gathered together to show our respect and to honor another of our number who has valiantly answered the call of duty and who is going forth to fight the battles of our Empire, which has always stood for right and justice, and whose flag has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze. We are sorry that the necessity is such that so many of our noble boys have to endure the hardships of war and offer their lives, if need be, in order to keep that old flag flying, which stands for freedom. But we are glad we have men amongst us who are not slackers, and who will shoulder arms and fight till that flag will fly higher than ever throughout the world; thus we are proud of the stand you have taken. As a slight token of remembrance from your school-mates and friends, we ask your acceptance of this purse, and wherever you may be serving your King and country our prayers and good wishes shall always be yours, and hoping when the war is over you may return safely to your friends as one of the Canadian heroes from old Genélg. Signed in behalf of S. S. No. 9.—Ella McFadden, Millie Hopkins, John McGirr, Will Weir.

pressed his thanks in a brief reply. Mr. John Moffat was then placed in the chair, and a good program interspersed with a few short addresses, was carried out. The rest of the evening was spent in music and games.

Farmers should have printed stationery just as well as business men. Try a small lot for a start, and see how you like it. We'll give you 100 note heads and 100 envelopes, neatly printed, for \$2.00; 250 of each for \$3.00, or 500 of each for \$4.00. We can give cheaper kinds, but don't recommend them.

JUST ACQUAINTED.

"Do you know her very well?" "Not very. I've met her only once or twice and so don't know a thing that's wrong with her."

PACERS ONCE DISLIKED

"Wigglers" Bring High Prices Now and are Favored

Back in the bygone days of light harness racing, Robert Bonard, a famous horseman of that era, expressed the opinion of his generation when he said: "No gentleman will drive a pacer." But times have changed. Once unwanted, once classed as the riff-raff of the horse world, the strictly pacing animal has come into popular favor. Not only do gentlemen own pacers, but they spend fortunes to acquire the speedy "wigglers."

No better illustration of the extremes to which horse lovers will go in these days to own a speedy pacer can be shown than that involving William, the Indian Whirlwind. C. K. G. Edlings, a multi-millionaire New Yorker, parted with \$35,000 to secure possession of the pacing stallion, and trotting experts claim he got a bargain. Twenty-five years or so ago when horsemen were prejudiced against pure pacers, a horse of William's calibre would have brought only a thousand or two. Horsemen are coming to regard the pacer almost as highly as the trotter.

Why the change in sentiment? Well, the pacer of to-day isn't as slovenly in his gait as the pacer of years ago. The pacer of twenty and thirty years ago was a queer gaited animal. He wiggled—almost wobbled—from side to side, and as a veteran turfman once put it: "A pacer, coming into the stretch, was a disgustingly vulgar sight." They called them "rackers."

He Knew Their Weakness.

During the reign of Louis XV. of France the light chaise came into fashion, and great ladies of Paris were accustomed to drive in them about the city. But beautiful hands are not always strong ones. Accidents began to occur more and more frequently in the streets. Consequently, says "Das Buch Fur Alle," the king besought the minister of police to do something, since the lives of pedestrians were constantly in danger.

"I will do whatever is in my power," replied the police minister. "Your majesty desires that these accidents cease entirely?"

The king replied, "Certainly." The next day there appeared a royal ordinance that ordered that in the future ladies under thirty years of age should not drive chaises through the streets of Paris. That seems a mild restriction, but it is said that scarcely a woman from that time on drove her own chaise. The police minister knew that few women would care to advertise the fact that they were over thirty and that the rest would probably be too old to drive anyway.

Napoleon's "Nine Lives."

The surrender of Napoleon to the captain of the Bellerophon, when that event became known in England, was credited by many, for at least eight times previously he had been reported dead, says the Westminster Gazette. The list of his deaths published in a contemporary journal is interesting. He lost the first of his nine lives in a battle on the Dnieper, where he received "five mortal wounds and expired as he gave his sword to Prince Kutusoff." Later he was twice drowned, once "while crossing the Mosqua" and again in Moscow, "where he lost his way and fell into a reservoir." During the retreat from Moscow he was suffocated in his tent and a few days later buried 5,000 fathoms deep in a fall of snow. Finally he reached Paris, where his exasperated subjects immediately lynched him. These were some of the many fables concerning Napoleon which found their way into the newspapers a century ago.

Assinibola.

The name of Assinibola was formerly at different times applied to two districts in Canada, but now belongs properly to none. The first was the district formed in 1835 by the Hudson's Bay company, having in it Fort Gary, at the junction of the Red and Assinibola rivers, in Rupert's Land. It ceased to exist when Rupert's Land was transferred to Canada in 1870. The second region, known until recently as Assinibola, was a district of the Northwest territories, given definite existence by an act of the Dominion parliament in 1875. It extended from the western boundary of Manitoba to the line of 111 degrees west and from the parallel of 49 degrees north to 52 degrees north. Saskatchewan lay to the north of the district, and in 1906 the two were united, with slightly different boundaries, under the name of Saskatchewan.

HIGH SCHOOL OPENING

The Art Exhibit in the High school on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week was well attended and much interest was taken in the 200 fine pictures that were placed on exhibition. The display was a good one, but when it comes to passing a judgment on their artistic merits, we must leave the matter to those who are better able to judge. To us, it was a beautiful display, and the audience, too, all seemed to be pleased with it.

On Friday evening Dr. Waugh of the Education Department responded to an invitation to be present, and delivered an address of much interest on educational matters. He was present here some years ago, and at that time advocated the building of a school similar to the one we now have. At that time the execution of the work was only a dream, but now it was a reality. He was much pleased with the building and looked hopefully to the future for a harvest of results.

Inspector Campbell occupied the chair and introduced Dr. Waugh by referring to a few reminiscences since they first became acquainted 30 years ago. Short addresses were made by the chairman, Revs. Moyer, Whaley, Wylie, Principal Allan, Editors Ramage and Irwin, Dr. J. F. Grant, secretary of the High school board, H. R. Koch, a member of the board, and others. The meeting was intended as a formal opening of the High school, as nothing had been done previously to mark the event.

At the close a dainty lunch was served, consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee, etc. The attendance on each day at the Art Exhibit was fairly good and the proceeds, above expenses, will be used for the purchase of pictures for the High school.

HONOR ROLL FOR MAY

- NO. 9, GLELELG. Sr. IV—V. Ritchie, M. Haley, M. Atkinson. Jr. IV—M. Whitmore, O. Bell, A. Ritchie, M. Davis, G. Bell. Jr. III—K. Davis, G. Lindsay, M. Aljoe, R. Davis. Sr. II—M. Bell, J. Bell. Jr. II—S. Lawrence, E. Hargrave, H. Ritchie, M. Horst. Primer—Sr. A—D. Lawrence. Sr.—I. Davis, M. Hargrave. Jr. A—R. Arnett. Jr.—B. Ritchie, A. Lawrence, A. Horst. —E. Scott, Teacher

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Miss Pert—Well, you won't be by the time you get a proposal.—Boston Transcript.

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Women's Pliable Chrome Bals, good and comfortable..... 1.75
Women's Heavy Grain Bals, guaranteed waterproof..... 2.00
Women's Heavy Grain Bals, plain and A1 stock..... 2.15
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DON'T

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Don't start singing a comic song unless you're sure you know the second verse.

Don't tell a chap those cigars were a present from the wife just after he's lit one.

Don't set the alarm for eight o'clock Sunday morning. You'll wear out the works for nothing.

Don't get annoyed if the children tell you they heard Daddy say a naughty word when he kicked his toe on the bedpost.

VARIETY IN FOWL FARE

Wise, Terse Hints For the Practical Poultryman

The first two meals of the day should be light ones, provided the fowls are fed three times a day. But the evening meal ought to be all that will be eaten up clean. A busy hen is one that never loses her appetite. There should be one system of feeding, and that system should have a bill of fare containing as great a variety as possible. To be continually adopting somebody else's plan generally works to the detriment of the egg crop. To continue a long-continued single diet is as bad as over-feeding; both induce indigestion, which is apt to debilitate the flock to a disease inviting condition.

Civilizing India

Sanitary conditions in Southern India are receiving the attention of the Government of Madras Presidency, which has under consideration schemes for opening up congested areas and for town planning along sanitary lines. At an industrial exhibition in the city of Madras much space was devoted to a "model village," and lectures were given daily on health topics and town planning.

Tropics Waken Up

Two gymnasium outfits for the national schools of the city of Guatemala have been ordered by the Guatemalan Government, one for use by pupils of the general school and the other for a girls' school.

Bumble Bees as Bait

The use of the live bumble bee as trout bait is rather common in some sections. The common grasshopper, if small and bright colored, is one of the best of trout lures.

GET THE TOBACCO

Mr. A. H. Jackson handed us on Tuesday of last week eight cards and a wedding invitation from the boys at the front. All expressed thanks for tobacco and cigarettes received from him through The Toronto News Tobacco campaign. Four of them were sent from Ward No. 30 of No. 2 Canadian General Hospital, one was from France and another from the Second Indian Cavalry Division Supply Column. Dr. C. Pinson from France says: "A line or two, dear workers, to assure you that your cigarettes have been received and are greatly appreciated. We in the firing line smoke a great deal as it seems to afford relief from the nervous strain. You may be almost certain that each packet you send makes some poor Tommy happy." Others speak in a similar strain of the comforts of the weed. The cards were addressed to the Red Cross Workers and were passed on to Mr. Jackson because of his interest in the work.

EDGE HILL.

Miss Belle Firth returned home Monday after a short visit with her brother, Mr. Thos. Firth, in Lindsay.

Miss Roberts of Holstein, accompanied by a friend, were guests of Miss Edith Edge on Victoria Day.

Misses Kate McFayden and Valerie Edge, and Mr. C. H. Moffat, attended the demonstration in Walkerton on the 24th.

Mr. Pearce of Owen Sound visited at Mr. Donald McFayden's.

Mr. Geo. Firth of Jessopville, visited for several days with his many friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ritchie were visiting their daughter, Mrs. John Brown, of Egremont, on Monday. Inspector Campbell paid our school his semi-annual visit on Tuesday, and found the school and grounds in first-class shape and the school work making the usual satisfactory progress under the supervision of Miss Mortley.

Mr. D. Edge leaves on Monday next as a delegate from the Durham Presbyterian church to the General Assembly in Winnipeg. After the close of the Assembly Mr. Edge intends to visit friends in Brandon and other parts before returning.

Mr. Peter Mountain and Miss Braun visited friends near Mount Forest over the holiday.

A number of the friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. Thos. Greenwood, Glenelg, on Wednesday, as a mark of respect and to say farewell to his son, Sergt. J. W. Greenwood, who has enlisted for overseas service with the 77th Battalion. An address was read, and the young soldier presented with a purse of money, for both of which he ex-

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