

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance.

Golden Wedding of Keene

Monday next will be an important day in the lives of Reeve W. A. Tom and Mrs. Tom, who will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day.

Windmill Damaged Again

Mr. John McNeill, whose farm is on the Kincardine highway, west of town, has been running into hard luck with his windmill several times it has been damaged by storm but the gale, last Wednesday night, completely wrecked the fan and arms.

Young Man Suffered Broken Nose

A most unusual accident befell Mr. Jack Barber, Peel Street, this week by which he suffered a double fracture of the nose. Jack was endeavoring to determine his prowess as a sharp shooter and was making a bull's eye of a granite washbasin which he threw up in the air and took a shot at.

Mechanic Prevents Fire

The trained ear of a motor mechanic in preventing what might have resulted in a serious fire on Friday afternoon at Basset's service station. Unconsciously a lit cigarette was left burning near a cellulose and when the fire came in contact with the implement of writing, a sizzling noise attracted the attention of Mr. Angus McLeod who turned and saw the pen in flames.

Fifty-Mile Gale

A great number of reports of minor damage have been made from the surrounding district with reference to barn doors, sections of roofs, windmills, trees, and so on which suffered from the terrific wind storm of last Wednesday and Thursday.

Druggist as Nightwatchman

For a few nights last week, C. V. Statia, proprietor of the Medical Hall, put in an anxious time. Some bottles on a shelf, among them one containing phosphorus, were knocked down and broken.

Will They Pay Up?

The town of Brampton has adopted a novel system of tax collection and if it is a success, no doubt other municipalities will copy the plan. Brampton's tax arrears total over \$12,000 and the Council are going to adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee and use the press for the purpose of trying to collect most of it.

McComb's Weekly News

We have just received our full consignment of The London Lady and Venus Hosiery for Ladies and Misses, which we were very pleased to get before Easter as the shades are the newest and they are priced to suit every purse:

- THE LONDON LADY, pure silk, pr. \$.59
THE LONDON LADY, pure thread silk, pr. 79
THE GOLD DOLLAR, extra fine 98
THE VENUS, per pair 1.49

See our display of Ladies' Coltskin Patent Shoes, which we are selling at \$3.75 and \$3.95.

- New Prints and Gingham, yard 25c.
New Drapery Chintz, yard 29c.
New Bungalow Nets, yard 49c.

GROCERIES

Our Grocery Department is always well stocked with selected pure foods at low prices.

We will have a special assortment of Bread and Baking for Easter festivities. Those wishing to purchase Hot Cross Buns for Friday and Sunday, we would be pleased to have your orders early.

A. G. McCOMB

Good Service Everything Cash Low Prices

Family Whose Ages Total 573

Mr. Alexander MacDonald dropped into the Express Office the other day to renew his subscription. We forgot to ask Mr. MacDonald how long he had been a subscriber, but as he is 86 it is probably a good many years.

OTHER PAPERS' OPINIONS

We Hardly Think So

Is it not true that to a certain extent at least the content of certain kinds of titles expressed in Canada is due to the idea deeply imbedded in the inner consciousness of nineteen hundred and ninety nine of us that we can never hope to attain the distinction and we won't let the other fellow have it either?—Mt. Forest Confederation.

Live, Hoss and You'll Get Grass

So many auction sales in the rural districts is not a good sign, but once when the young man wasn't striking the basin took a nose dive, looking his nose, which was severed in two places and a blood vessel worked its way through the damaged nose.—Collingwood Enterprise.

Watch Out, Hydro!

With the victory of the Hydro over the Foshay Company, the American owned private company of utility companies, on Monday at Southampton, by the narrow majority of 34 votes, the result is a striking reminder to the Hydro Commission of Ontario and the Ferguson Government, that more consideration must be given to the smaller municipalities, if they hope to carry bylaws in the other Bruce municipalities.

Those Who Know Best

Many of the weekly papers carry a good deal of comment about county councils just now. It makes interesting reading and there is much variety in the opinions expressed. One thing is noticed, however, the editors who appear to have the widest knowledge of the work done by their local county councils are, almost without exception, in favor of reforming or abolishing the present system of doing business.

formers. But the average county council also wastes much time (the members being paid by the day). This is probably the reason why an editor who is forced to sit for hours, waiting for a little business to be transacted, is liable to become critical of the whole system.

Throughout Wellington County, at least, there is much interest taken in the doings of the County Council. It begins to pay a paper to be represented at the meetings. The same is true of some other nearby counties, notably Bruce. In time, the majority of the editors may see fit to attend an occasional session at last.

The Dominion Parliament

By A. C. Macphail, M.P.

The House is dull, deadly dull. The Budget debate is dragging on. Government members say the country is prosperous. The Opposition claim that prosperity is spotty, and that farming is not one of the spots. The can never hope to attain the distinction and we won't let the other fellow have it either?—Mt. Forest Confederation.

5,000 Muskrat Hides Wanted

Between March 15 and May 1. Also Other Furs BEEF HIDES HORSEHIDES SHEEPSKINS HORSEHAIR and FEATHERS

Bring them in to my warehouse or write or phone and I will call for them.

A. Tinianov

1 Door North McLaughlin's Garage Durham Phone 66.

THE GREAT WEST LIFE

The 36th Annual Report of The Great-West Life, covering the Company's operations for 1928, is another of the outstanding examples of business achievement which has been reflected in these columns by the splendid reports recently published by the important financial and industrial institutions of the Dominion.

Last year this Company reached the half million mark in the amount of business in force—a remarkable achievement for a Company established in 1892. This is to say, it enjoyed the distinction, never equalled by any other Canadian company, of placing five hundred millions on its books in the short period of thirty five years.

The new annual report shows that 1928 was again an excellent year for The Great-West Life, not only in the matter of issuing more new business than in any previous year in the Company's history, but substantial increases are shown in all departments of the Company's operation, indicating that its management, while adopting an aggressive policy in building the structure of business in force, is also extending and buttressing the foundation of the Company in order that its rapid expansion may be along sane and sound lines.

With over 80 millions of business written by The Great-West Life in 1928, increasing the business in force by almost \$45,000,000 and bringing the total business on the books to over \$547,000,000, the report reveals an income for the year of close to \$27,000,000. A substantial increase is recorded in the reserves for future profits to policyholders. The accounts show earnings in excess of the amounts required for the dividend scale which enables this Company to maintain its traditionally generous dividends to policyholders. Increases are also shown in the Company's special reserves and gross surplus earnings.

providing a wide margin of safety over and above the policy reserves of eighty-one and three quarter millions of dollars and all other liabilities. The total assets stand at \$107,261,629.93. While this Company is native to Western Canada and is the largest Western financial institution, it does a splendid business in the States of North Dakota, Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois, as well as maintaining a leading position in every Canadian province. Its investments show a wide geographical distribution. They consist mainly of gilt-edged first mortgage and guaranteed bonds. Since 1892 this Company's mortgage investments have been confined to the large territory from Port Arthur, Ontario, to Victoria, British Columbia, including the state of North Dakota, but the Directors, finding the funds of the Company growing so rapidly, decided last year to extend its mortgage operations eastward, notably to the larger Ontario cities and to the City of Montreal. The published Annual Report of The Great-West Life contains a summary of the Company's bond investments, totalling approximately \$40,000,000. It is noteworthy that their market value is considerably greater than the ledger amounts shown in the annual report.

Mr. A. W. E. Lauder is the local representative of the Great-West Life.

Read The Chronicle ads on page 7.

"Ice Box Cookies"

1 cup butter; 2 cups sugar; 3/4 cups Purity Flour; 2 eggs; 2 teaspoons baking powder; 1 cup nuts and raisins chopped (optional)

PURITY FLOUR advertisement with image of a woman and flour bags.

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile

—Ruth Raeburn

Dear Prudence:

Here is another review by our friend, Clara Bernhardt. I hope it gives you as strong a desire to it as I have. Both book and author are new to me and it is nice to see new book friends.

The Book of Roberts

by Lloyd Roberts

How can we review this adorable little volume. It is a difficult task, for when one enjoys and mires a book a great deal, words are inadequate.

It is written by the eldest son of Chas. G. D. Roberts, himself a worthy of the famous father.

The book is "To Patricia," his daughter and the inscription is delightful.

"My toys have lost their shine, they're funny things and out of date. Their music rings a little faint; Their costumes cause your toys to smile—"

They've been so long behind the discarded by the romping years. While business rolled about the block. And banged among the blocks—"

But now I bring them out to show How Daddy loved them long ago.

There's another verse then this, as charming as the first.

The noteworthy introduction is by Basil King, a close friend of the author's family. An excerpt from his gives the theme of the book admirably.

"The appeal is spun from associations just like yours and mine, difference being that here they are transcribed with nuances and tones which make them more Playmates, friends, a father, a grandfather, a grandmother, a Grandma, who was a great-grandmother, aunts, servants—these are characters; and for backgrounds have home interiors, woods, meadows, an old cottage, an old orchard—sharply and sweetly etched and all delightful and old."

The chapters are varied in subject but all of absorbing interest. The chapter "Toys" is most appealing, have yet to find a better description of these childhood friends. A different flavor was derived from a two-for-a-cent clay pipes that make bubbles with these had a puff of pucker, dry-your-mouth taste even soapbuds couldn't altogether face. Can't you taste against memory the pipe and the soap-bubbles? We can! Mr. Roberts has that gift taking his reader along with him. Every scene he depicts, his reader clearly sees.

"Low Eaves" is the name of the author's home, situated ideally on a river, not far from Ottawa. Three chapters devoted to guests "Low Eaves" as it appears in autumn and summer, and to these means falling completely in with the cottage.

The one criticism we have to make is that much too soon, we arrive at the concluding page! I think that the eminent John W. Garvin was correct when he said "The Book of Roberts is in time of prose literature that in time become a classic."

—CLARA BERNHARDT

The following is from the preface by Lloyd Roberts in "Along the Outlets"

The Night Light. 'Tis late. The lights go out. And darkness chokes the room. But presently a rose-red glow. Steals softly through the gloom.

The sunset flames and falls. The dreams of day depart; But, northward one pale twilight gleams lonely on my heart.

'Tis ever thus, they say— The terror and the night; Then through the dim immensities God lifts a little light.

—LLOYD ROBERTS

Once a friend of Mark Twain's conversing with him regarding a terrible affliction of a person known to them both. The friend said:

—CLARA BERNHARDT

MacBeth's Drug Store advertisement for medicine chest, listing various products like Mercurio-Chrome, Mecca Ointment, Bayer's Aspirin, and Lymas' Olive Oil.

Newest Conceits in SPRING HATS advertisement featuring illustrations of various hat styles and promotional text for Misses Truax.

Receptor Store advertisement for Cod Liver Oil with text about health benefits and product availability.

McFadden's advertisement for Semi-Trimmed Hats, featuring an illustration of a woman wearing a hat and promotional text.