

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The bumper crop and the poor overseas market may be another factor that will force the price of the products of the farm still lower, and is a question that may well start the farmer to thinking just where he is going to emerge when the smoke clears away.

"Apropos of the dollar wheat: Not long ago The Free Press had an editorial in which it advanced the opinion that dollar wheat in the United States and perforce in Canada is due not so much to over-production as to the fact that the apparent surplus of wheat and the actual surplus of gold are both on the same side of the balances.

"Our contention was that if Europe had the gold and the United States and Canada had the wheat, the farmers of the latter countries would have a different tale to tell.

"We held that the 'Midas touch' does not make for national any more than it makes for international prosperity. We advanced the idea that Washington could do more for the world and for humanity by opening up that Aladdin palace, her treasury, and helping Europe to weather it, than she could accomplish by all the 'relief' and philanthropic 'missions' to foreign countries ever invented.

"No two people think exactly alike and if differences of opinion are a reason for friction in our relationship, the whole world will be at loggerheads.

"These sentiments so recently published, it is a matter of no little interest to read in the editorial columns of The Flint Journal, an article condemning the much-advertised plan of the United States Farm Bureau, to pool 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and make heavy loans upon the pool and then carry the crop until market conditions are favorable.

"In the opinion of the Michigan paper, the farmer should not go into debt in that way. He could not do a worse thing. Very few, if any, bankers would lend a merchant money to carry stocks of goods until the merchant could realize on them. The law of business is to take a loss at once if there must be one, for a loss so taken is smaller than a loss postponed, since the latter is increased and made more painful by more losses.

"The crux of what The Flint Journal has to say, however, is contained in the following paragraph:

"The farmers should have their trusted representatives endeavor to develop foreign markets to absorb the surplus wheat, instead of borrowing money, pooling and manipulating the crops or trying to fix prices. The farmers should join in the movement to put Europe back on its feet and re-establish the permanent market."

"Sound common sense. So say we all."

Personally, The Chronicle thinks that the two statements given above go a long way to solve the situation. We have all along contended that the market for our farm produce was as good as it ever was—the only difference being that Canada, the United States and the producing countries have both the money and the farm produce. Germany, Austria, Greece, Rumania and many other countries are in the market to-day for farm produce just as they were in 1914 and before—but they haven't the money to pay for it. The cable dispatches almost every day

carry the news of starving thousands in Europe, and at the same time the Canadian and American farmers are suffering financially because they cannot sell their surplus.

It is a matter which cannot be settled by Governments individually. It is a question that must be settled by Governments in a world-wide manner. Sparring for openings, as practised by the Powers in the recent Lausanne fiasco will settle nothing. That kind of diplomacy merely keeps the lid on for a while longer. The ultimate explosion is bound to come.

THE EDITORIAL COLUMN.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not a local newspaper should give editorial opinion and the question is often referred to at the Press conventions. Some are of strongly pronounced opinion in the affirmative, while others are negative and some even neutral.

The primary object of a local newspaper is to give the local news, and everything in the shape of wholesome local news is entitled to a place in the local newspaper. The news sent in by correspondents should be news pure and simple and not mixed up with the opinions or views of the correspondents.

A correspondent or any other reader is not denied the privilege of expressing his opinion, but in doing so it should be given in the form of a "Letter to the Editor," and deal only with the subject under consideration.

The editor, too, in giving news, should confine himself to news, but in giving his opinion or views on a question it is then to be classed as editorial and as in the case of the correspondent be confined to one subject or to subjects having ideas in common.

Has an editor the right to give his own views on any subject? is the question to be considered. Our contention is that he has the right to do so, and not only is it his right, but his duty to give his views on subjects of general interest. It seems to us about as reasonable to expect the editor not to express an opinion verbally as to say he has no right to express his opinion in the editorial columns of his own paper. It is quite true that an editor may hurt the super-sensitive feelings of some of his readers at the time of an election by giving editorial opinions on politics, but it is equally true he will produce the same result by having a different opinion, whether he expresses it or not.

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In election matters we have no control over the right of another as to how he uses his franchise; nor has he any right to dictate to us how we should use ours. We may all be sincere in the opinions we hold, but one may be acting on impulse and the other on the result of careful consideration and perhaps much thought before arriving at a conclusion.

Many of us, perhaps the majority of us, are blindly following the leaders of our respective parties. We allow the leaders to do all the thinking, and act on their say-so, no matter what the result may be. What we want is a greater number of leaders of opinion and a greater following of people who can think for themselves.

The ignorant man will tell you he thinks for himself, and the more ignorant he is the more anxious to force his opinion. He is loud in the proclamation of his supposed views, but when his opinions are analyzed they are found to contain nothing but noise, and as we often said, noise is no argument.

We feel disposed to draw the line at religious controversy. That's a matter of conscience, and little can be accomplished by disturbing the conscience of the religious fanatic who often gives evidence of a loose screw somewhere.

But politics and religion are not the only subjects on which to give editorial opinions. There are many matters of local interest. These are discussed in the shops and at the firesides where there are only a few to hear the discussion. Why not discuss it editorially, when all readers may receive or reject it as they please?

When it is known that an editor is lacking in stability, a mere weathercock, turning to every wind that blows, his editorial opinions will be of little value and from such a source the editorial product of a vacillating pen will have little effect. He lacks stability and the next time he writes he may be on another tack.

The local newspaper that fails to give views as well as news in only filling part of its mission and no man will suffer long for expressing his opinion honestly and fairly. Every paper should express the opinions of the editor. Often they will

not suit the readers, but the world likes a fair fighter for principle.

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

We understand that Durham is just now in much need of water, not only for domestic purposes but for use in case of fire. The McKechnie dam has no water accumulated and where the river runs through in its course is not easily accessible to the firemen if a fire should occur. We are further told that one of the tanks for holding a supply of water, pumped in by the engine, is and has for some time been awaiting repairs.

If in the meantime we should be unfortunate enough to be visited by a fire, many parts of the town would be in a sorry plight and the fire brigade, in the absence of an easily accessible supply of water, would be utterly helpless. The remedy should be applied at once, as we can ill afford to lose any of the property we now have and in case of a loss it is doubtful if it would be replaced.

There seems to be little or no progress made in the matter of waterworks. We know there is a feeling that the town is not financially able to undertake the task. There is a feeling that we can't afford it, but it is equally certain that we can't afford to go without a better system of protection. The waterworks must come, sooner or later, if we are to continue in existence. In the event of a proper system being installed there would, doubtless, be many users and the system would at once become a revenue producer, the same as the hydro. Over and above the revenue from users, a proper system of waterworks would cause a big reduction in our rates for fire insurance and on the whole be a big saving.

As at present there is no immediate likelihood of a waterworks system being introduced, the Council should prod up the fire and light committee to get the tank or tanks in shape and to attend to such other matters as to enable the firemen to be effective when the danger comes.

MORE HARVESTERS NEEDED

More harvesters than ever will be needed this year in Western Canada on account of the bumper crop. Special trains will be run by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which is advertising the usual low rate to Winnipeg, plus a half-cent per mile beyond to destination in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Returning the fare will be \$20 from Winnipeg, plus a half-cent per mile from starting point. Going dates are August 13, 15, 22 and 24, according to the territory in Ontario. On the lunch cars food and refreshments may be obtained at reasonable prices. Special cars will be provided for ladies, children (full fare) and their escorts. First special train will leave Toronto on each date at 10.00 a.m., and last special at 10.30 p.m. on each date.

Full information may be secured from any Canadian Pacific Ticket Office.

A Scotchman visiting in America stood gazing at a fine statue of George Washington, when an American approached. "That was a great and good man, Sandy," said the American; "a lie never passed his lips." "Well," said the Scot, "I presume he talked through his nose like the rest of ye."

BORN

McDonald.—In Sullivan on July 29, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDonald, a son.

McKnight.—In Welland Twp., July 27, to Mr. and Mrs. McKnight (nee Agnes Ramage), a son.

Vessie.—In Bentinck, on July 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Vessie, a daughter.

MARRIED

Morton—Drummond.—At the Manse, Durham, on Wednesday morning, August 1, at 6.30, by Rev. W. H. Smith, Miss Jemima Drummond to Mr. Wesley Ernest Morton, both of Durham.

Holstein.

(Our own correspondent.)

The annual picnic under the auspices of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Rogers on Thursday of last week. There was a record attendance, there being representatives from Gleneden, Dromore, Durham and other places. An interesting program was given by the visiting societies.

Our local bowlers went to Mount Forest on Monday evening to indulge in that sport with the bowlers of the neighboring town, but shortly after the game had commenced the rain began to descend and bowling for that evening was declared off.

A car load of young people from Allenford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Fenton.

Charles McDougall has purchased Mal. McPhee's property in the village and gets immediate possession.

The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Church was held in the park on Tuesday afternoon.

Misses Annie and Nettie Troup of Buffalo visited friends here recently.

Mr. James Brebner of Listowel is spending his annual vacation with his brother here.

Miss Reta Roberts is rustivating in various parts of the rural communities abroad.

Mr. Hoag of Toronto, inspector of Continuation schools, spent part of a day recently in the village investigating the plans for the new school. He expressed himself as well satisfied and strongly advised the establishment and building of a new school.

South Bentinck

(Our own correspondent.)

Mr. F. Meyers of Weston spent a few days at the home of his uncle, Mr. W. J. Derby.

Misses M. and E. Gilmour have returned to their home near Woodstock after visiting with friends in this vicinity. Miss Bessie Mather accompanied them back.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnston visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fulton at Hutton Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turnbull and son Archie spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. William McCulloch of Ebenezer.

Mrs. J. Bradley of Toronto visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Derby, Sr., and other friends.

Messrs. Alex. Grierson and James McDonald attended the races in Mt. Forest last week.

Mrs. James Charlton visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. H. Vollett.

Master J. Traynor of Durham is spending his holidays at the home of Mr. John Milligan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Grierson visited the beginning of the week at Mr. John Bauer's, Normanby.

Miss Beryl Cooper has returned to her home in Paisley after spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. William Derby, Jr.

Darkies' Corners

(Our own correspondent.)

A shower of rain is badly needed. Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Atkinson spent a few days recently in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bradley and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bradley of Mount Forest spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. S. Patterson.

Miss T. Cardinal of Toronto is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr.

Master Willie Holstock of Owen Sound is spending his holidays at the home of Mrs. John Bell.

Mrs. Peter Nichol, Jr., and son, of London, are visitors at the Nichol home.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected August 2, 1923.

Table listing market prices for Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Hay, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, Hides, and Sheepskins.

Special Prices on Men's Furnishings

Table listing special prices for Men's Sport Shirts, Plain Blue Overalls, Blue Stripe Overall, Cottonade Pants, Khaki Combination Overall, Grey Socks, and Black Socks.

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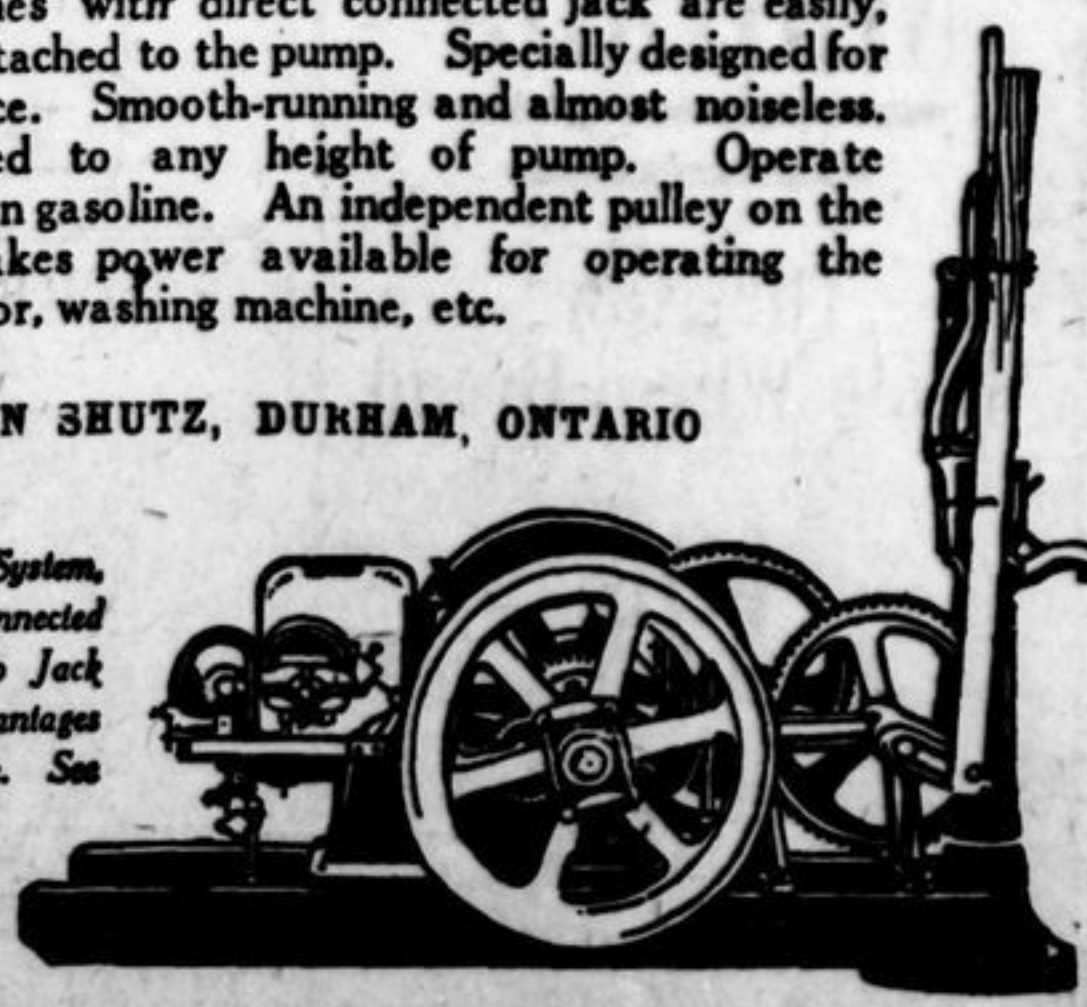
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