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**A VOLUME WORTH READING**

"Through Five Republics on Horseback," is the title of an interesting and instructive book published in 1917 by G. Winfield Ray, F.R.G.S., pioneer missionary and Government explorer. The five republics are in South America and comprise Argentine, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay. To get a conception of the location of these republics it would be well at the outset to take a map of South America as a whole, and ascertain the relative positions of the territories travelled and then learn their magnitudes and possibilities. Even those who have travelled extensively know very little of the world compared with the sum total of all the world contains. So far as Canada is concerned we have had the good fortune to cross the continent twice from ocean to ocean. This gives us a general idea of our great heritage as Canadians, yet we have only a small knowledge of Canada, and that small knowledge is vague and unsatisfactory. We have scarcely touched the fringe of the great continent on which we live and the other continents are of equal interest. We cannot afford to learn by travel the many things we would like to know, and to learn these we must do so by books and other means.

Dr. Ray gives us pen pictures of many things in the republics he passed through, and we commend his publication to our readers as a source of information that will prove both interesting and profitable.

South America was discovered by Spanish navigators towards the end of the fifteenth century. In 1494 the Pope decided that these new lands, nearly twice the size of Europe, should become the possession of the monarchs of Spain and Portugal. Thus, by right of conquest and gift, South America with its seven and a half million miles of territory and its millions of Indian inhabitants, was divided between the two countries. Brazil became the possession of the Portuguese, and the rest of the continent went to the crown of Spain.

South America is 4,600 miles long from north to south, and 3,500 miles at its greatest breadth from east to west. These figures mean but little unless we compare them with distances of which we have a greater knowledge. In length it is one and one-half times the distance from here to Vancouver, and to cross the widest point would be equivalent to a trip to Vancouver and back again to Calgary. It is a country of plains and mountains and rivers. The Andean Mountain range is 4,400 miles long. Twelve peaks tower three miles or more above ocean level and some reach into the sky for more than four miles. Many are burning mountains. The rivers are among the longest in the world. The Amazon drains an area of 3,686 square miles. Its plains are almost boundless and its forests limitless. There are deserts where no rain ever falls and there are stretches of coast line where no day ever passes without rain. It is a country of all climates. The northern part is equatorial, and is the hottest. The southern part stretches its length toward the pole.

The book, published in 1917, says fifty millions of people now dwell beneath the southern cross and speak the Portuguese and Spanish languages and it is estimated that, with the present increase, 180 millions will speak these languages by 1920. South America is pre-eminently the coming continent. It is more thinly settled than any other part of the world. At least six million miles of its territory are suitable for immigrants—double the available territory of the United States. No other tract of good land exists that is so large and so unoccupied as South America.

Dr. Ray, who spent a number of years in the unexplored areas of South America, is lecturing on his travels with the Chautauqua and was in the same group as the writers' daughter in the West three or four years ago. The book to which we refer was a present to us from the author and we appreciate it very much. We may refer to his travels again.

**MUST NOT GIVE OPINION**

It is not the duty of a Registrar to give information nor to express an opinion as to the validity or effect of registered instruments. He must not even express an opinion on the validity of a title. This is contrary to public opinion generally. Many have the idea that to search a title to property the Registrar should act as adviser to say whether it is good or otherwise. This is evidently not so, according to a report given by James W. Mallon, B.A., L.L.B., K.C., Inspector of Legal and Registry Offices. We quote from the Inspector's report as follows:

"Some firms and corporations, I understand, are in the habit of sending out forms to be filled in by the Registrar, whom they expect to answer certain printed questions, including 'ownership,' and encumbrances, etc. Any answer given by the Registrar as to ownership or encumbrances necessarily involves the giving of an opinion about title, which the Registrar is expressly forbidden by the statute to do.—Sec. 19, subsection 1"

The Registrar is expected to make searches and give extracts and abstracts if requested. Making searches means producing the instruments and entries relating thereto to the searcher. Extracts and abstracts are as the terms imply, merely extracts from the documents or the entries and are not intended to include any

expression of opinion. To say that a man is the last registered owner is an expression of opinion as to title. To say that there are only certain encumbrances is also an expression of opinion as to title. To say that a mortgage is discharged is an expression of opinion as to title. All that a Registrar can do in the last case is to say that an instrument purporting to be a discharge has been registered, but it is for the searcher to make up his own mind whether the instrument has been discharged.

So also as to the statement that a man is dead. All that a Registrar should do in such a case as this is to state that the Letters of Administration or Letters Probate are filed and to give extracts if required.

In short, a Registrar's duty with reference to searches, etc., is to produce the documents and entries relating thereto, to give copies or extracts if required, but not to express any opinion whatever with reference to the validity or the effect of registered instruments as to the validity of the title.

From the above it will be seen that the Registrar has very little latitude and his duties are so defined that he can neither give information nor opinion in relation to registered instruments. It is well for the public to know that he is forced to be dumb to all inquiries relating to titles of property.

We know of a particular case where a man held the deed of his property for nearly twenty years and never had it registered till he undertook to dispose of it. In the Registry Office the title had never passed out of the hands of the former owner. In a case of this kind it would be impossible for a Registrar to say who was the rightful owner.

**WHEN CAN A MAN RETIRE**

When can a man quit work and live without going down hill financially? This is a question that will be forced on us at some time or other. Our contention is that no man is pursuing a safe course if it requires more to live on than his interest at current rates amounts to. In the first place it is necessary to ascertain the amount on which a man can furnish his own needs and the needs of those dependent upon him. Suppose it requires \$900 a year to keep a man and his wife. This means the interest on \$15,000 at 6 per cent. If he have only \$15,000 to earn interest and more than \$900 a year is necessary for his expenses, he must at once begin to reduce the principal, and this in turn reduces the amount of his interest-earning capital, and he begins to go behind.

If instead of 6 per cent, the earning power of money is reduced to 5 per cent., while the cost of living remains unchanged, he will be again forced to draw on the principal and will find himself on a toboggan slide to the poor-house.

To get to the point at once, a person to be in a safe position to retire from the activities of life, the interest on his available capital should furnish enough for his upkeep while the capital remains intact. Of course a man may retire on less, and there are some who use up principal and interest as they go along and leave nothing behind for their families to quarrel over. By the exercise of care a person having fifteen or twenty thousand may quit work and live without drawing on his capital. When he shuffles off this fifteen or twenty thousand will necessarily pass into other hands, doing good in some cases, and evil in others. We'll just leave the matter here for the consideration of our readers.

**IS IT CHILDREN OR MORAL DEGENERATES?**

Some person or persons are charged with stealing flowers from graves in the Durham Cemetery. On hearing of it first we thought it must have been the work of children who did the deed thoughtlessly, as no right-minded grown-up would be guilty of such conduct. We are assured, however, that some of the guilty ones are not children, and it grieves us to think such characters exist in the community. Children might be excused as they don't know any better, but there is no excuse for others unless they are mentally depraved. These cannot be reached by a mild condemnation of such conduct in the public press, and if the evil continues harsher measures should be adopted. Only children or imbeciles can be excused.

**CRISP COMMENT**

France is determined that paix shall mean pay.—Little Rock (Arkansas) Gazette.

Wonder what the German counterfeiters are doing for a living these days?—Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette.

The power to do great things generally arises from the willingness to do small things.—St. Catharines Standard.

We can't help wondering how wars got started back in primitive times when men knew nothing of diplomacy.—Calgary Herald.

If the world would soon be as dry as some of Rev. Ben Spence's remarks, prohibitionists would have little worry about.—Toronto Telegram.

Firpo ate a steak, half a dozen eggs and seven glasses of milk for one meal. No wonder he has to fight for a living.—Border Cities Star.

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, but the operation requires some tool more efficient than a can-opener.—Brandon Sun.

A New Jersey horticulturist is reported to have produced an initialed apple. Looks like the forerunner of still higher-priced fruit.—Buffalo Courier.

**IT LOOKS NICE IN THE MOVIES**

The Sheikh, in the film, grabbed his victim and lugged her away to his tent. Where his subsequent actions were flagrant infractions.

Of every known rule of a gent. But Saydie, observing him, murmured, While she blushed to the brim of her hat. "Well, maybe, I'm sappy, but I could die happy if some guy would treat me like that!"

Later on, when the movie was over And Saydie was walking back home, With deserts dissolving and Arabs revolving In dizzying whirls through her dome, A shoe clerk tipped Saydie his kelly, Attempting her progress to stop, "Say, beat it!" snapped Saydie. "You bum, I'm a lady, Go on or I'll yell for a cop!"

—Baron Ireland, in Life.

**GAME WARDEN ELY WAS HERE ON TUESDAY**

Game Warden Ely of Owen Sound was in town Tuesday investigating the hints in last week's Chronicle that partridge were being hunted out of season and also being bartered. He motored here from Tobermory, and has been conducting a quiet investigation for the past couple of days. We understand he picked up a couple of good clues and more will possibly be heard of the matter at a later date. Mr. Ely informs us that he intends doing all in his power to secure a conviction of any breaches of the Game and Fisheries Act, as all have every opportunity of reading up the law on the matter.

**WILL GIVE UP BUSINESS AT END OF MONTH**

Local Vulcanizing Plant to Close.—Owner May Accept Position With Hamilton Firm.

Mr. J. Lockie, who has been here for the past couple of years in the vulcanizing business has decided to leave town and will likely accept a position with a firm at Hamilton. Mr. Lockie was a good citizen and a useful man in the community and the whole town and community, especially auto owners who are sure to have tire trouble, will regret to learn of his departure. He will leave about the first of November as the premises occupied by him have been leased by Mr. R. Lindsay for his grocery business. The building now occupied by Mr. Lindsay will be taken over by Mr. Grant McComb, who is entering the mercantile business.

**ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE REHEARSING PLAY**

Will Be Ready For Presentation in Short Time, and Will Be Good.

The young people of the Anglican church are rehearsing a play which will be presented shortly. It is being rehearsed under the direction of Mrs. Rev. Whelan, who, we understand is an adept at this kind of work. It is expected the performance will be announced shortly and will be held some time in November or early December.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Barrister J. G. Banks of Kamsack, Sask., was here on a visit recently and gave us a brief call a few days ago. We regret he was so stuck for time that he couldn't tell us anything of conditions and prospects in the Great West. He is a son of Mrs. Banks, near Edge Hill, and prior to taking his course in law was a student at Durham school.

Mrs. G. Collinson and daughter, Miss Jean Collinson, of Ceylon, and Mr. Thomas Dargavel of Warton, visited on Monday with Mrs. Thomas Morton, Aberdeen.

Miss Truax returned last week from Toronto mid-winter millinery openings.

Miss Maud Cuffe spent over the week-end visiting her friend, Miss Cora Harper of Mount Forest.

Miss Edith Hopkins spent the past week visiting her sister, Mrs. Alfred Ashley, in town.

Mr. Melvin Ashley and niece, Miss Christina Ashley of Brampton, spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Alfred Ashley, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen motored up from Hamilton last week to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Allen.

Miss Vera Allen returned to Toronto on Saturday after spending the summer months at her home here.

Mr. Ray Doolittle and Miss Mary Farr motored from Orillia and visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Belfry over the week-end.

Mr. Arnim Belfry from Eugenia Falls was the guest of his brother, Mr. Roy Belfry, over the week-end.

**DURHAM TUXIS BOYS ELECTED OFFICERS LAST WEEK**

The local Tuxis boys met last Friday evening and reorganized for the coming year. The following officers were elected: Mentor, W. A. Glass; Grand Praetor, Cecil McLean; Deputy Grand Praetor, Clarence Noble; Grand Comptrol, William Edwards; Program Committee, Eddie Kearney, Gordon Riddell, Irvine Sharp, Donald Graham.

**Not Raining Yet.**

It was the dear old lady's first ride in a taxi and she watched with growing alarm as the driver continually put his hand outside the car as a signal to the traffic following. At last she became exasperated. "Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours and watch where you're driving, I'll tell you when it starts raining.—Everybody's Magazine.

**VETERAN STAR THEATRE**

TWO SHOWS: 8 and 9.15 P.M.

**FRIDAY-- SATURDAY**  
October 26 - 27

**DUSTIN FARNUM**  
in  
"The Buster"  
Sunshine Comedy  
"RIDES AND SLIDES"

**BOYD-TRAFFORD**

(Glenroddin Correspondence.) A pretty autumn wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Trafford, Glenelg, when their third daughter, Alice E., was united in marriage to Mr. John A. Boyd, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Boyd of Leader, Sask. Evergreens and autumn leaves in profusion decked the house for the ceremony, which was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Mr. Aird. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of copen, silk crepe and carried a bouquet of pretty autumn flowers. Miss Bessie McClung, friend of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while Mr. Roy Trafford ably supported the groom.

After the ceremony a dainty three-course dinner was served. In the evening a reception was given to the young people of the neighborhood. The presents received by the bride were costly and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are spending their honeymoon at Riverview and Shelburne, the bride travelling in a tailored suit of castor broadcloth. Friends from Chesley, Welland, Hamilton and Leader, Sask., attended the wedding.

**LAMB-CATON**

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday, September 29, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Judd, 502 Perry St., Davenport, Iowa, when Miss Jessie Stewart Caton, youngest daughter of Mrs. F. Caton of Gilbert Plains, Manitoba, and formerly of Durham, became the bride of Dr. E. G. Lamb of Kansas City, Missouri. Rev. Dr. Craven officiated.

Mrs. Lamb was formerly a well-known resident of Durham up to a few years ago, when the family moved to Manitoba. The Chronicle, with her numerous friends here, wish her much joy and happiness.

**The Way It Was.**

"A girl over beyond Mount Pisgah ran away with a feller night before last and got married," related Gap Johnson of Rumpus RIDGES. "She's got a father, three uncles, two grand-fathers and four brothers, all of which took down their guns as soon as they heard about it, and—" "Great grief," ejaculated his hearer. "And felled 'em an' shot 'em both to pieces?" "Not precisely; in fact, they all went over an' shivareed the young folks as soon as they got back from marrying."—Kansas City Star.

**A Wider Field.**

There was a dame who used to gad; She went in for the motor fad, She used to gad from home to home But nowadays she's going some. The motor fad brought her renown And now she gads from town to town.

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**LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS OF MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST**


Two advertisements appearing in this issue will be of interest to our citizens. One refers to Mr. Young up town, who is making application to have his farm detached from the municipality of Durham and attached to the Township of Glengela. The other is by-law No. 783, and will interest dog-owners, who must submit to its enforcement by the Council.

**TRUE BLUE CONCERT**

Don't forget the True Blue Entertainers' Concert in the Town Hall, Friday night, October 26. 22 characters in cast. Oct. 25

**DURHAM MARKET**

	Corrected October 25, 1923.
Live Hogs.....	88.00
Wheat.....	1.00
Oats.....	40 @ 50
Barley.....	60 @ 65
Buckwheat.....	70 @ 75
Peas.....	1.25 @ 1.50
Hay.....	10.00
Butter.....	.32
Eggs.....	.32
Potatoes.....	.75
Hides.....	.85
Sheepskins.....	50c @ \$1.00
Chickens.....	.15
Ducks.....	.20



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