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TIME FOR ACTION ON YOUR GARDEN LOT

What high hopes the seed and nursery catalogues aroused away back in January when spring seemed far away. And through chill February and blustery March plans grew from their pages, where flowers and shrubs, almost exotic in their lush growth and vivid coloring reminded that days of hot sun and warm rain would come. Looking out the window it was no trick at all to populate each bleak, barren corner of the yard with blooming plants.

All this profusion of flowers was in the mind. They bloom, mentally, each year and then three out of four catalogue planners are suddenly taken with the spring rush of work—plowing, housecleaning and the myriad chores that mark the return of life outdoors in the country. Incredible, but overnight, it seems, summer has come, and the spring planting season is gone. Good-by to all those plans three months in the making!

This year let's make it three out of four to realize their dreams. Now is the time to get after those plants and shrubs so necessary to the garden plan. Crops, livestock, repairs and painting are essentials, of course but a few hours devoted to the planting of ornamentals will bring a rich harvest of beauty in the months that follow.

Personal enjoyment is naturally the first reward. But there are other satisfactions to be found. Community well-being and pride receive an impetus through well ordered and attractive farm homes. A friendly rivalry brings neighbors closer together in interests and has its reflection in better living conditions.

WHEN JOE CLARK WORKED AT THE "REVIEW"

(Stratford Beacon-Herald)

J. T. Clark, editor of the Toronto Star, says he was in Stratford in the year 1881. He's fairly certain of this year and the trip came about in this way:

At that time, Joe Clark was learning his trade in the office of the Durham Review. Mr Townsend was the editor of the paper then and the wages of Joseph amounted to \$20 a year and board. The Grand Trunk line from Durham to Palmerston had been completed and there was to be an excursion from Durham to Palmerston and on to Stratford to mark the occasion, and the fare was fifty cents.

After some negotiation with Editor Townsend, the apprentice Joseph was given one entire dollar, fifty cents for the ticket and a similar amount for spending money. At the station it was learned it was a free excursion, but two other boys were there. One had no money and the other had fifty cents. To the lad with no cash, Joe advanced a quarter, and to the other lad ten cents, leaving him sixty five cents for spending money which was a very great deal.

In Stratford the trio purchased cooked sausage meat and soda crackers: they saw all there was to see, and at the end of a glorious day returned to Durham, having done their part toward adding pomp, dignity and youthful enthusiasm to the opening of the new line.

Next day Joe Clark was setting type from a case in the office of the Durham Review, when Editor Townsend opened the delicate subject of the excursion having been a free one, the truth of which mild impeachment the apprentice freely admitted. This being the case, Mr. Townsend intimated that it might be well to return the money, a quarter of which had been extended as a long-term loan to one lad and a dime to another, while the balance had been tipped into the fish pots of Perth Co's leading community.

It is a common thing in these hectic days for a man or a firm to be called upon to work rapidly in repaying loans but Joe Clark, as he harks back to that day in the year 1881, is convinced that no person before then or since, has ever been called upon to produce with chances for successful compliance with the demand being so entirely hopeless.

THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

An Easterid: Thought

Peter and John had gone up together to the temple at the hour of prayer. And a certain lame man who had been carried and laid at the gate of the temple which was called Beautiful, asked them for alms. Then as the story is told in the simple but graphic words of the third chapter of Acts, Peter said to him: "Silver and gold have I none: but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Taking him by the right hand, Peter lifted the lame man up. Upon which it is related that "immedi-

ely his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple."

The temple is razed and gone. The Beautiful Gate by which Peter and John wrought their miracle, is only a memory of a vanished glory. But another and fairer Beautiful Gate opens wide each year to the hope and faith of mankind. It is Easter,—the gateway to an ever-renewing life and loveliness and the symbol that it shall be so with the spirit of man. For He, whose name Peter invoked at the temple gate which was called Beautiful, confirmed this by His own resurrection and by the assurance recorded in I John 11: 25:

"And this is the promise that He hath promised us, even eternal life."

HAMPDEN

One by one the old pioneers are passing on and Friday last saw one of the most esteemed and respected in this community laid to rest in Durham cemetery, the late Mrs Henderson Sr. She was of Scottish descent, her parents having left Dumfriesshire, Scotland, when she was but a little girl, coming to Canada and spending a few years in the vicinity of Paris, South Dumfries. They wended their way northward, settling on the farm in South Bentinck, where the youngest son, Mr. John Milligan now resides. Mrs Henderson's maiden name was Grace Milligan, third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Jas Milligan. Some 60 years ago she married the late Geo. Henderson and to them were born a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters: John and Andrew, near Biggar, Sask; Jas at Lumsden, near Biggar, Sask; Irvine, of Guelph; Jennie, Mrs Corbett, South Bentinck; Belle, Mrs And. Fulton; Margaret, Mrs Robt Johnston, Ebenezer; and Rosetown, Sask. Predeceased her two years ago and Mrs Hugh McLean, Galt (Grace) a number of years ago. Mr John Milligan is the only remaining brother.

A large concourse of friends and relatives paid their last respects to the departed, who had been seriously ill only a few days, having been unable to attend her household duties the previous Saturday. Her family near by were at her bedside and administered to her wants with tender care. Rev. W. H. Smith, Durham, spoke a few comforting words at home and the 19th Psalm and a favorite hymn 'In the sweet by and bye' were sung. Nephews of deceased acted as pall bearers. Among those who attended from a distance were Mrs Irvine, Guelph and Mrs Wm. Mather, Priceville. Our sympathy is extended to those who mourn, as she will be greatly missed in the home where she lived so long. A large circle of relatives, among them nearly 40 grandchildren and 6 or 7 great grandchildren mourn her passing.

Mr Norman Greig, Allenford, a former resident, spent the week end among old friends. Mrs Clarence Seim visited with Nellie Anderson recently. Omniconers of near Ayton are moving their belongings to Theo W. Meyer's farm preparatory to spring seeding.

The roads are not in the best of condition, tho' one sees wheels predominating. Some are loathe to stow away the runners for another season.

WELBECK

We are pleased to see the cars running again, tho' the snow is still deep in spots.

Mr and Mrs Jno Corlett, Lamlash, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs R. J. Corlett.

Due to condition of roads, our mail man was unable to complete his round Saturday.

Miss Grace Hopkins and Mr Jack Ledingham, Durham, were guests of Mr and Mrs P. Ledingham Sunday.

Mr Arch Watson has been assisting Mr G. Goldsmith at the sawmill the past few days.

Miss Freda Eagles spent Friday with Mr and Mrs D.A. Campbell.

Mrs F.W. Heift is spending a couple of weeks with Mrs W Robertson, Dornoch, who has been under the Dr's care.

Mr Arthur Kerr, Belfast, Ireland, is employed with Mr Percy Ledingham for a year.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs S. Dusto, who has been ill for some weeks, is not improving.

ROCKY SAUGEEN

After the young winter we have had, now that it has turned fine again, those who are making maple syrup will likely have a good run. So far the season has not been very good for this line of work.

Remember the sale of home-made baking and 10c tea the U.F.W.O. are holding in the Red Cross rooms next Saturday, in aid of the hospital.

Mr Joe Davison spent a day this week at Mr L. McLean's.

Mr Alex Lawson was a week end visitor with his sisters in Toronto.

Owing to the wet weather and bad condition of roads, the mass meeting of the farming community, which was held in the hall Saturday, was not as well attended as otherwise would have been.

Serious and Lighter Side of Parliamentary Life

Miss Macphail sees several changes in procedure and other matters

Several members of the House have been ill. Hon H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce is still unable to take his place in the Commons. Mr Ernest Lapointe, ex-Minister of Justice, much thinner and day and is looking to be fully recovered does not seem to be fully recovered from his serious illness though his speech did not lack eloquence. Mr. Jas. Malcolm, ex-Minister of Trade and Commerce, is in the Hospital at Ottawa and is apt to be absent from the House for some time. Hon. J. C. Elliott, ex-Minister of Public Works, is undergoing an operation in the John Hopkins hospital and W. H. Moore, chairman of the Tariff Bd that was, was able to come in and hear Mr Lapointe speak.

Never before has criticism of the banks and our financial system generally come from all parties in the House. It begins to look as though the next revision of the Bank Act would be a real revision. Truly the world does move. I am sure the presidents of the banking institutions in Canada are at a loss to know what to make of it.

A rather heated row took place in the House the other day, Mr Armand Lavergne, deputy speaker of the House, desired to make a speech in reply to the address from the Throne. The official Opposition objected, claiming that the Deputy Speaker was a servant of the House and should maintain a neutral position. However the Prime Minister and the Gov't supported Mr Lavergne. He made a heated speech in which he denounced unnecessarily our new Canadians. A couple of highly those who have come to us from foreign countries, to nullify, one would judge, the speech of the Deputy Speaker.

The whole House enjoys hearing the French members on opposite sides of the House banter each other. It is such a long time since this was possible. The repartee is quick and clever: unfortunately most of us have to have it translated by some kind friend. It would add much to our enjoyment if we could understand the French language. Conservative supporters sit in the gallery, which enables them to face their friends on the floor and the Liberals in the gallery are also in a position to look into the faces of their party friends and since the parties on the Floor have changed places the galleries designated for the Liberals and Conservatives have changed also, but the Independent Group occupies the same position on the Floor as it had in 1922 and for the first time we face a Liberal gallery and are conscious of the Conservative visitors who are just behind and above us. The Independent Group is not large but it seems to be the pivot around which the House revolves.

This session there seems especially little mixing of the parties and groups in the dining room and lobbies. Each keeps to their own kind pretty well, and possibly too well, though in some cases great personal friendships cut across party lines. This tendency becomes more marked the further we get from a general election. The Prime Minister and the leader of the Opposition seem always to be friendly with each other and the ill-will so often shown in the days of Mr King is absent.

Though the Postmaster General opposed votes for women on the Floor of the House Thursday, women are slowly but surely moving into new fields. At lunch the other day I had as guest, Constance Ray Harvey, vice-consul of the United States of America to Canada: she is young, friendly and a very likeable woman. Last night at the reception given by the wives of the cabinet ministers and Miss Bennett, I was privileged to have a short visit with Dame Rachael Crowley, who was for ten years head of the Child-Welfare Work of the League of Nations. She is now touring the United States, lecturing on her work in the League. Her brother, Jas. Crowley, is permanent secretary at Government House. Dame Rachael is a very real person, without any ostentation: anxious to do her utmost to make the world a better place in which to live. Recently I was the guest of the University Women's Club of Ottawa and there heard Miss Aughterson, Principal of Bishop Bethune College. Previous to coming to Canada, Miss Aughterson had been a teacher at Windsor College. Her description of the life at Eton, the famous school for boys was interesting indeed. She described for us many pageants she had seen at Windsor, Queen Victoria's jubilee, the funeral of King Edward VII, and the first visit of the present King to Eton. She told how in error, she had mistaken the Arch-Duke Michael for a nosey tourist and put him out, which almost precipitated an international incident. The most impressive story she told however, related to the Coldstream Guards. On the outbreak of the war, their men wanted to learn some French, or to brush up what French they knew and Miss Aughterson was detailed to teach them. She told us of her two hundred students, all six feet or over: their desire to talk about diseases of horses in French. She knew nothing about diseases of horses, but by walking many miles she secured a

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French copy of a book on the rudiments of veterinary surgery. Not one of the two hundred lived throughout the War.

It begins to look as though the debate in reply to the Address from the Throne would not terminate until April 2nd. On the same day the House rises for the Easter recess and will not sit again until the 13th. Taking the Debate as a whole it is a particularly good one. It shows a variety of opinions and thoughts that is really unusual but it is doubtful if further protraction of it is much use.

House of Commons, March 27, '31

NORTH VICKERS

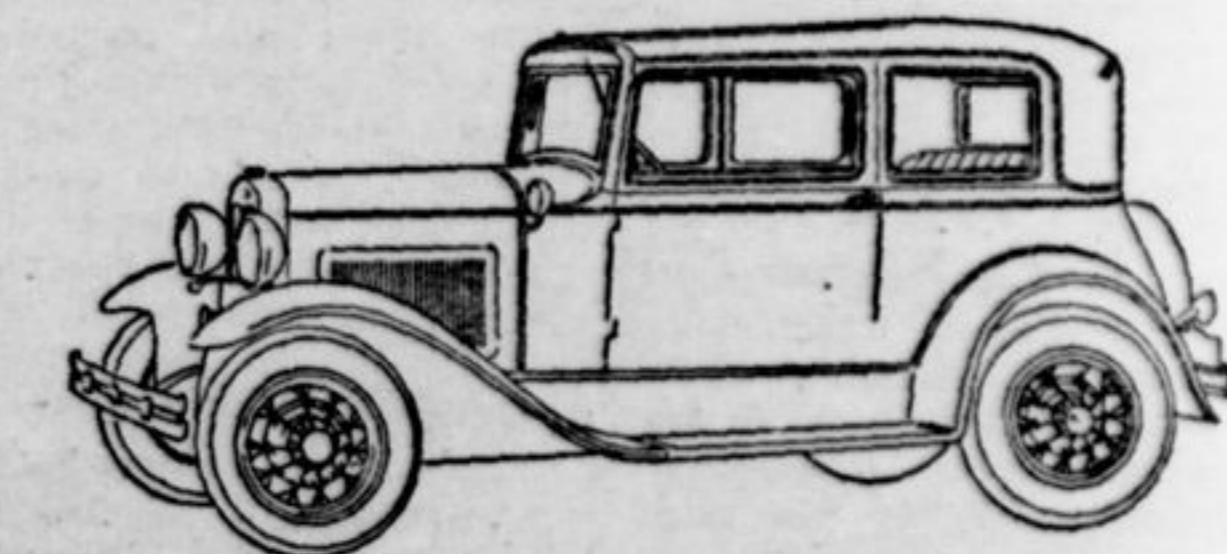
A number of neighbors gathered together last Friday and spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mr and Mrs Henry Yandt and family.

Mr Chas Mighton and son Wilbur, Rocky Saugeen, were guests of Mr. and Mrs Henry Yandt and family one day recently.

The U.F.W.O. met last Tuesday at the home of Mr and Mrs Jas Turnbull on the Gravel road and a sociable evening was spent in progressive crokinole and dancing.

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