

Today I Have Been In A Hay Field

Every farmer in the Ottawa valley is making hay these days and he is very busy for hay is perishable and time is precious, writes Rev. J. G. Berry, M.A., B.D., in the Ottawa Journal. This hot July afternoon I have been in a hay field on the high ridge where the land begins to dip down to the banks of the Ottawa river. I have seen the men at work, farmer and son, and extra man for the haying. The field lay in a soft warm haze but from the river there came a slight breeze which tempered the hot clover-laden air and which brought relief to the men, perspiring under the burden of their steady labor. It is warm work, haying, but this has been such a good season. I have not seen such rich abundant clover with its sweet red brown flowers as I have seen in the fields here. In the hayfield the uneven rattle of the hayrake limbering along was the only sound and at intervals a word or two from the men. I knew that what was going on in this field was going on in a score of other fields all around.

Haymaking leaves no time for any thought except the actual work. One hand but when the afternoon had run its course, when supper was over in the low cool summer kitchen, it was not hard to think of old days and to let memories deep down in the mind rise to the surface. Modern machinery had not come with its speed and its material gains yet with some lowering and loss of human values and humanity. Perhaps the farmer does not trouble himself with thoughts of how things have changed. He knows that he has to keep up with the inevitable march of the times and fall into line with others. Yet something has been lost from the old haymaking.

For there was more of a personal note and interest in it then. It was a craft which had been practiced from time immemorial and handed down with its secret and its skill, free from the demon of speed who drives so many people on in our time. It was a work which was done with the thoroughness and pride of doing a thing well.

No one who has had the rare pleasure of reading Hilaire Belloc's delightful essay "The Mowing of a Field" will fail to see these things. From the early morning when he awoke to think of the mowing, took a scythe from its nail, sharpened it and began to mow the grass while the dew was still on it, working on with a monotonous regularity until the swathes were raked into cocks, tall and steep to keep off the dew, and struggling blades were raked also, till the whole field was a clean floor for the tedding and the carrying of the hay next morning, there was a certain tradition and ritual about it all which centuries of haymaking had fashioned. But then his whole hayfield was only two acres!

Yet even on a larger scale haymaking brought in, instead of one or two only, men and women and children. It was a more social and brighter business. We have a picture of it drawn by the novelist Constance Holmes: "The brown hot faces of the men, the cotton frocks and bonnets of the girls, the roan horse piled to its shoulders with the hay, the figure topping the load, black in the golden ether below the sapphire blue of the sun, the serenity of the evening was beginning, full of long nights and lovely distances. The most perfect hours of country life were at hand."

Something of this still survives in our fields today but times are changing and we are changed with them. Let us hope that mechanization will not kill man and the finer qualities of his life.

Place of Execution

There seems to be considerable approval of the idea that the time has arrived when the death penalty should be inflicted, not in the community where the murder occurred, but at some central place in the provinces, or at the penitentiaries, writes the Brantford Expositor. There is a good deal to be said for this view. If, after murderers are tried and condemned, they were transferred immediately to the penitentiary there to await the time of execution, which could be carried out with as little publicity as possible, it would save a lot of turmoil and curiosity that invariably accompany hangings in small communities.

Canadians are quite generally agreed that the death penalty for murder is necessary for the protection of society, and, if this is so, then it should be imposed in a manner that will disturb the public as little as possible.

Nearly 450 miles of the Stalin Highway, stretching from Moscow, Russia, to the Pacific, have been completed.

FINANCIAL FLASHES

A test of 400 lbs. of Wendigo Gold Mines ore conducted by C. I. L. laboratories to determine the exact character of the flotation unit to be installed has been completed, and shows a recovery of 95 per cent. Results of the test will be submitted to the company's engineers for approval. With-in about 30 days it is proposed to start deepening the shaft from the present 500 foot level to 1,000 feet, with new levels to be established to that depth. The last goldbrick was valued at \$5,744 and represents output for first 10 days of July. This compares with the previous brick valued at about \$4,700 and June production of about \$10,000 sets a new high for the mine.

An important gold discovery has been made in the Horwood Lake area, west of Porcupine, and according to Felix Roche, president of Mat-A-Lac Gold Mines (1936) Ltd., he has staked a group of claims on behalf of the company. Surface showings show considerable gold and five samples taken gave assay returns up to \$96.60 per ton in gold. A crew will be sent to the property immediately, to commence exploration.

McLellan Long Lac Gold Mines has uncovered a new break on the north group of claims in the Hutchison Lake area from which encouraging values are reported. The new discovery shows a width of 2 feet, and is highly mineralized and lines up with the Hutchison Lake strike. Diamond drilling on the southern group of 8 claims situated between Elmos Gold Mines and Magnet Consolidated in the Little Long Lac field, is progressing, following delay due to the recent forest fires in the area.

Oddities in Statistics

New York Times.

Governor Lehman designated last week as Safety Week. The roundup of the perversion of things brought a sharp rise in automobile accidents in the city as compared with last year and after a gratifying decline extending over many weeks. However, Governor Lehman is Governor of up-State as well as New York City, and the up-State record for last week was very good.

Eternal vigilance is the watchword but we may be permitted to hope that the jump in last week's figures in town was an isolated event. One peculiarity concerns the fatalities. As compared with last year the deaths for the whole week rose from 15 to 23, but for the week-end period there was a decline from 11 to 6 deaths.

Last year three-fourths of all fatalities for the week occurred in the last two days. This year only one-fourth occurred on the week-end. A week is too short for safe generalization. But eternal vigilance is the watchword.

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Diamond drilling on the Lake Athabaska property of Athona Mines Ltd. is continuing to give good results. According to the latest reports 30 feet of core averaging \$5.50 per ton in gold has been intersected. One 5 foot section returned a value of \$5.15 per ton, while a 12-foot section yielded a value of \$5. per ton.

A programme of diamond drilling has been started on the Mayrand property under option to Dunlop Consolidated Mines located immediately adjacent to Lapa Cadillac Gold Mines on the south in Cadillac Township, Quebec. Drilling is being carried out under the direction of Cameron Yule, who is in charge of operations for the company.

Gold output for June at Shawkey Gold Mining is reported at \$35,959, according to officials, bringing total production since the mill started operation in February to approximately \$126,310. A high grade ore shoot is being opened on the 4th level east at the present time. This is apparently the downward extension of the high grade ore opened up on the third level.

To Improve the Grade Dairy Herd

Continue to Use Pure-Bred Sire of Same Breed on Each Generation

The grading up system of breeding means the mating of one common or unimproved parent with a purebred sire on each successive generation thus produced, the herd soon comes to have great uniformity and a high economic value, but as breeding stock they are worthless.

With cattle, the first cross will make all the calves half bloods and thereafter, if superior bulls are used, the progress toward higher levels is certain. Eventually, the unimproved blood practically disappears, but such animals can never be registered. If grades are bred to grades, no progress is made. The upward "pull" comes through the purebred sire only. No promising bull calf even from a high-record grade cow should ever be retained for use as a sire. He may look "right" but all improvement stops when he enters the service.

Where marked improvement in a grade herd is shown by the first-cross daughters of a purebred bull, it is considered advisable for several reasons to breed him back to his own daughters. The failure to make a full and consistent use of sires of the same breed in grading is the most glaring mistake made by livestock farmers today. In dairy herds the temptation to use a bull of some fat-test breed, on high-grade cows of a low fat-test breed, should be discouraged. Stick to the same breed of sire or dispose of the herd and make a new start.

In producing cattle either for direct utility purposes or breeding stock, there is with possibly one exception no practical advantage in crossing distinct breeds. The fancy that desirable but opposed characters can be easily made to blend by this method has been the undoing of many cattlemen. Do not cross breeds. Strive to improve the breed already in hand.

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Friend of Miners

To the long list of Canadian editors who have died since the New Year must be added the name of J. W. H. Sutherland, editor and publisher of the Evening News, New Glasgow, N.S., in the heart of the coal mining district, says the London Free Press.

Canadian editors who attended the last meeting of the Canadian Press held in Toronto early in May, will not soon forget Mr. Sutherland. There had been a long and at times rather acrimonious debate over the handling of the news of the Moose River disaster. There was considerable difference of opinion expressed as to what had taken place in the last brave 24-hour fight to rescue the entombed men.

Finally when everyone had had their say a gentleman, whom few knew, arose at the back. He explained in the broadest of Scotch that he was the publisher of the New Glasgow News, where most of the druggers came from. He knew them all personally; they were all friends of his. He had talked with them since their return from Moose River. Then in simple, but eloquent language, he told the story of what had actually taken place in that long fight. They felt they had done nothing extraordinary; it was all part of their daily task; they did not look on themselves as heroes. When the speaker sat down there was not one of those present who was not touched by his recital. The debate closed. There was nothing more to say. The speaker was the late Mr. Sutherland. The miners have lost a good friend in the death of Mr. Sutherland. In his paper he always has been an advocate of the miner and the steel worker in any plans for improvement of working and living conditions.

Defines \$2 Word "Illaqueation"

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Ickes defined a \$2 word—"illaqueation"—which he used in a speech. "Ain't you got no education?" he playfully demanded in a memo to those who questioned his usage. "I would swear by the bones of Noah Webster that if there is any such word it means ensnarement or entrapment. A dang good word, I call it, especially if it stumped all you near Phi Beta Kappas."

Noah Webster's big dictionary proves United States Secretary of Interior Ickes is right, though it says the word is "rare."

Pension Scheme For Employees

Wrigley Company Contributes Nearly \$100,000 to Start Pension Plan.

Over two hundred members of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. Limited of Canada join with 3,000 employees of the company in the United States in a pension plan recently announced. The plan went into effect in Canada on July 1st, 1936.

Under the plan the amount of pensions depends on the workers' wages and the length of service with the Wrigley Company. Wrigley's have always been intensely interested in the welfare and security of their employees and have always manifested this interest to the fullest extent.

In order to credit employees who have been with the Company for many years before the start of the plan, Wrigley's have made a cash contribution to the fund of almost \$100,000 to cover these years of previous service. Thus any employee who has been with the Wrigley Company for 25 years and whose salary is now \$200 a month, would have an automatic pension of \$50.00 per month.

On the average, the Company and the employees pay into the fund an equal amount each month. The employees contribution amounts to about four cents on every dollar earned. The retirement age is set at 65 years. Life expectancy is estimated at 12 years above age 65. However in the event of death, or discontinuance in the employment of the Wrigley Company, or in the case of early retirement, employees may withdraw the funds which they have paid into the plans, plus interest compounded at 3% annually. Payments and pensions are all based on a percentage of wage multiplied by the number of years with the Company.

As an example for employees long with the company, a man who has now been with Wrigley's for twenty-five years, earning a salary of \$200.00, would, if he continues with the Company for twenty more years, earn a pension of \$110.00 per month. And if he lives out the normal expectancy of 12 years, he will have withdrawn a total of \$15,840.00 although his contributions would amount to only \$1,920.00.

HAVE YOU HEARD

Every man is a hero in his own home until after the company leaves.

A young lawyer tried to give himself the appearance of being exceedingly busy. During his absence from the office he always left a neat card on the door marked "Will be Back in An Hour."

On his return one day, he found that a rival had inscribed underneath. "What For?"

Sweet Young Thing — And get this, Reginald Tweaksbury Twiggbottom, I couldn't mention you and my boy friend in the same breath."

Boy Caller — "Why not, my fair maiden?"

Sweet Young Thing — "My boy friend's name is Percival Aloysius McGilllicuddy."

Optimism is often a greater handicap than pessimism, the pessimist at least doesn't count his chickens and insist on drawing the money before they are hatched.

Caller (to college) — "May I come in? It's the room I had when I was in college in 1909. (Continuing in reverie) — Yes, sir, same old room, the same old windows. Same old view of the campus. Same old closet (opening closet door. There stood a girl much embarrassed).

College Student — "This is my sister!"

Caller — "Yes, sir! Same old story."

Give a child a sonorous and impressive name, and you are sure to be mortified. He'll be nicknamed Pete, Dink, or some such take-off and nobody will ever know who is referred to, if they happen to see his name in print.

Young Doctor's Wife — "Oh, Harry, aren't the clouds and moon lovely tonight?"

Young Doctor (absent-mindedly) — "Sure, that cloud coming over the moon reminds me of a torpid liver."

It costs a girl a lot of money to look beautiful while she is being courted, but she gets even after she is married.

Friend — "But isn't your son sort of listless, Mr. Moneybags?"

Mr. Moneybags — "Heavens no! He's got a list of blondes, a list of brunettes, and a list of redheads."

Do you wonder where the word "Satan" came from? We think it is just an Old Nick Name.

Two drunks were riding the street car. After having travelled for half an hour or so one asked the other:

First Drunk — "Say, hic, buddy, hic, what time ish it?"

Second Drunk (pulling a box of matches out of his pocket and looking at it gravely) — "Ish Wednesday?"

First Drunk — "By gosh, then, hic, I must get off here!"

A man compares his possessions with what his parents had; a woman compares them with what the neighbors have.

First Sailor (in rowing boat after being shipwrecked) — "What! Pull for that? But what's the use, that is only the horizon."

Second Sailor — Hang it all; why be so particular? It's better than nothing, isn't it?"

LIFE

Life is not getting, but serving and giving.

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Carcass Grading of Hogs Is Equitable

Standards for live hog grading were established in Canada in October, 1922, in accordance with regulations under the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act. A national Swine Conference had been convened in the previous year to consider the serious difficulties then being experienced in marketing Canadian bacon in Great Britain, the one major problem being the inferiority of Canadian bacon. The Conference appointed a permanent committee, known as the Joint Stock Committee and the Live Stock Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture was requested to establish and administer an independent grading service.

The Joint Swine Committee was appointed to act in an advisory capacity to the Dominion Department of Agriculture in the development of hog grading and other policies pertaining to the swine industry. It is composed of two representatives of the Dominion Live Stock Branch, two of the packing industry, one each for the Province of Quebec, the Western Live Stock Union, the Eastern Live Stock Union, and two from the Canadian Council of Agriculture. Cognizant of the limitations of live grading and familiar with the grading systems in other countries, the Joint Swine Committee, writes L. W. Pearsall of the Live Stock Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture in the latest issue of the C. S. T. A. Review, recommended to the Department of Agriculture that experimental work be undertaken to determine whether a system of carcass, or rail grading would be practical and adaptable to conditions of marketing and slaughtering of hogs in Canada.

Following some preliminary work to establish tentative carcass grades, the Hog Grading Regulations were amended on March 17, 1934, to provide carcass grading on a voluntary basis, so that experimental work as recommended could be commenced. Consequently, carcass grading on a voluntary basis, for purely experimental purposes, was started in Peterborough, Ont., in July, 1934, and later in the year at Stratford, Ontario. During that year 3,577 hogs were carcass-graded, and the growth of the system may be gauged by the fact that in three months of 1936 the number of hogs graded was 57,007.

The Dominion Department of Agriculture having assumed the responsibility of providing an impartial and adequate grading service, as a basis of trading between producer and the packer, has endeavoured with the advice of the Joint Swine Committee to make available a method of grading that experience in other countries indicates to be efficient and equitable. The necessity for further improvement in the quality of commercial hogs is obvious.

Permits to Drive

Magistrate Burbidge of Hamilton has something to say about granting driving permits to people who were suffering from physical handicaps. One driver was to have appeared before him to answer to criminal negligence in operating his car, but the information obtained was that the accused could not appear in court on account of his physical condition. The driver is a 70 per cent. war disability case.

Medical testimony showed this driver has a heart condition, chronic bronchitis, nervous disability and other ailments. He has been under treatment at Byron Hospital and left against doctor's orders.

The Hamilton magistrate says an individual in that condition should not be driving a car, and the magistrate is right. He says a permit to drive should not be issued to him and again he is right. It would be no hardship to tell a person in that condition he should not drive. In the end it would be kindness.

850 Years Old

A church with a wooden tower, a duck pond, a village inn, a smithy and a few scattered cottages, all of which constitute a village, have surrendered to the demands of modern days. Tolleridge a pretty Hertfordshire village, is to be developed in the form of a housing estate, but every effort is being made not to break the spell of the old-world charm and historic associations. The 17th century church, with the immense yew tree — which tradition says is 850 years old — in the churchyard and the many fine old country houses in the neighborhood, should do much to maintain the dignified and rural character of the village.

Sir Jagadis Bose has already proved to the scientific world that plants have the ability to feel, and have waking as well as sleeping hours. The Japanese evidently think so, too. Some time ago an electric light company erected a huge neon advertising sign alongside rice fields. The farmers protested, saying that it would interfere with the growth of their rice crops, but no notice was



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