

"Longest Main St. in America"

—says a reporter in Bowmanville Statesman.

Last Sunday, with the current heat wave unabated, the editor of the Bowmanville Statesman told his farm reporter: "By all means accept the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Foster, Glenn Lara, Bowmanville, and take a motor tour across the unparalleled farming countryside of old Ontario." And so the party was arranged, with Miss Vivian Foster driving the car, Miss Helen Foster the luncheon hostess, Mrs. Foster, chaperon and mentor, Mr. Williamson a practical farm expert, and the dumb reporter a willing acolyte, skeptically wondering what it was all about with Patricia, the family Boston terrier, in the same frame of mind, the trip was made. It became a five-hour tour which, in range of knowledge was a revelation of what this district of Canada has to offer in enterprise and specialized production.

We left the fringe of the famous apple orchards of Durham county, and its growing tobacco plantations, to angle west and north throughout the mixed farming districts, and revel in the scenery of a famous countryside. The destination, it may be told, was the famous "gold-fish farms" somewhere in the neighborhood of Stouffville, Ont. Before the trip was over we found that hereabouts was the banana belt of Canada and a lot more than that. We saw Ontario in miniature as the greatest farming country of the entire globe.

Going west from Hampton, the southern extremity of the famed Enniskillen potato district, we came into the dairy and Shorthorn country. On the left was the great grazing herd of Werry Holstein at Solina. Right next door is Baker Farms and Shorthorns. Farther west came Beath Farms, Oshawa; Ray McLaughlin's famous Holsteins, Maple Shade Farms of Bill and John Dryden, oldest Shorthorn plant in America; then Russ Richardson, John Miller, Art Howden, all Shorthorn notables; and Frank Batty, Clydesdale, W. D. Thompson, Jerseys and on and on among famed livestock, only half the picture.

That was the scene between the apple orchards and the lemons and dates found a few miles further on. All of which is a story by itself. Angling west was found evidence of the foresight of early pioneers. They cut the forests but they replanted maples, evergreens, hedges, that endure today as a landscape of surpassing beauty. Woodlots have been preserved, the roads have been gravelled; the whole vast scene today is one that is bringing millions of Americans as holiday visitors with immense wealth to enjoy a cool, clear, inspiring holiday in the green expanse so magnificently preserved.

Not so far beyond we came to one of Canada's real small towns, Stouffville, home of a repeating prize-winning weekly paper, The Stouffville Tribune; a small town with the longest main street in America; a town of fine and friendly homes; a town to live in and to pass on in happiness at the end of one's career. Shady and serene, it opened the door to an amazing panorama just a short distance beyond. Just one and a quarter miles west we came to the hamlet of Ringwood, where Roy Grove, the corner storekeeper, and Mrs. Grove were found in their garden. Their home was designated on a sign "Rose Lawn."

Here on an all to brief visit we saw this: Two date palms raised from seed that bear fruit yearly; one lemon tree that has for 30 years yielded a crop and last year bore a single lemon weighing one pound and 12 ounces; the source of many home-made lemon pies; and a grape fruit tree almost ready to yield its quota in the land that Ki-ling described as "Our Lady of the Snows." And just a bit apart, amidst a profusion of roses in full bloom, were ripe tomatoes on the vine that have been served on the table for the past two weeks. But that was not all. Believe it or not there was a fig tree with small figs formed and waiting for the late fall sunlight.

This report is entirely accurate. Here just 25 miles out of Toronto for all to see if they care to motor along is the evidence as it has been told above. Then we went on, just a mile north to see the famed Goldfish Farms of the Goldfish Supply Co., Stouffville, Ont., which we read about in Maclean's Magazine about a year ago. There they were in a level area of 15 acres, which were gouged out into some 52 separate ponds, fed freshly by piped spring water. Millions of goldfish that are shipped annually from a heated plant in the village all across this country and elsewhere. The place is entirely open to those who wish to wander through and see the ponds with their beautiful water lilies in bloom, the carmined, lazy inhabitants.

REVIVALIST ASKS ORILLIA COUNCIL TO ENFORCE ANTI-SCANTIES BY-LAW

Last week Orillia's town council received a petition from Coldwater St. residents asking them to take action which would compel the tent-preaching evangelist to hold his meetings with less gusto. This little matter had just been disposed of when the preacher pulled a surprise move in which he demands that the council either enforce or repeal a by-law which is definitely anti-scanties. The by-law if enforced would mean that shorts, etc., would have to go and that residents would have to don clothing which kept their lily white bodies covered from neck to knees.

Send the Tribune to absent friends.

Let the Child Use His Left Hand

To the right-handed person, the deftness with which the left-handed manages all his manual skills is nothing short of amazing. The left-handed, on the contrary, feels no handicap whatever, unless he is compelled by a right-handed society to use the tools for eating or for work that are designed for right-handed persons.

We should not look upon the left-handed as less able than the right-handed. We make him less able only if we force him to change from his natural hand to the one which seems proper for us.

Mrs. F. J. wonders if training the child to use the right hand is the proper way to manage this when the child first begins to use the left hand?

Absolutely not. This is what should not be done. All babies use left or right hands indiscriminately. Eventually they begin to show a preference for one or the other hand. The child doesn't favor the left-hand because he wants to be unique and different but only because the messages from his brain direct the use of the left hand.

One might express it by saying the shortest road between the brain and the hand which carries out its messages is, in most persons, from the left hemisphere of the brain to the right hand. But in a small minority of persons it is from the right hemisphere to the left hand. To re-route these impulses makes for a time-wasteful situation as if a car were sent pell-mell down one straight road and then had to come back and be sent down another.

In studies on stammering, it has been confirmed that forcing naturally left-handed children to use the right hand for such fine, muscular movements as writing, cutting, sewing, etc., have developed halting speech and stammering.

Because of such knowledge it is the consensus that the left-handed person should be allowed to use his preferential hand, without any effort being made to humiliate or wheeled him into trying to be right-handed.

Bread and Babies Crowd Time of Early Pioneers

Forty members of the McCallum clan met for the second reunion at the beautiful farm home of Archie Brownlee and his wife Bell McCallum at Coleraine in King Township on July 5th. Wilbert McCallum of Strange, in the fourth generation was chairman. Tables were set for all on the lawn and the guests were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee, who surprised the gathering with a program of Scotch music played by piper William Grant.

The family history was given by Mrs. Alex MacMurchy of Strange, who as the former Agnes McCallum recalled the township's oldest family settlers. In 1831, from Argyleshire, Scotland, came Donald and his wife Jean settling south of Maple, and in 1837 took up lot 8, concession 6 of King, from the crown. The farm land has since remained in the family name. Mrs. MacMurchy expressed pride in the stern and worthy qualities of the pioneer ancestors. Strenuous work in clearing the land and building a home for their family, was based on their religious fervour. Family worship was a daily practice. Jean Armour McCallum was known for her kindness to her neighbours. She is said to have been called to the birth of a neighbour's child, and was in the act of baking bread. The mission being of greater importance, she

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OTTAWA LETTER

by "Jack" Smith, M.P. North York

Prime Minister King soon will leave to attend the Peace Conference at Paris on July 29th. Mr. King does not like the thought of leaving before the Session ends, but the importance of this Conference gives him no choice in the matter. World affairs are in a troubled state and the hope of enduring peace is a Peace Conference at which the nations of the world can get together in the true spirit of brotherhood and understanding. Mr. King's long experience in public affairs, and his qualities of leadership particularly, fit him to make a very special contribution to this all-important Conference.

The debate on the budget continues here and main criticism of opposition is that more economies should be offered to reduce expenditures. Unfortunately, much of the criticism is of a very general nature and is not as effective as if it were more specific. That is, it is a sort of wasteful pastime to deplore expenditures without being definite enough to say just what expenditures you would cut, just what government services you would curtail.

There has been some complaint of the move to tax Co-operatives, but in the main, the change will receive pretty general support. This has been a contentious question since the early thirties, and the budget proposals are pretty well the same as the recommendations of the Royal Commission appointed to investigate the whole question. The Hsley proposals are not in any way aimed at discouraging Co-operatives. They merely try to bring a

measure of equality to the taxation of business. It was a difficult problem but the general feeling here is that once again Mr. Hsley has dealt with a very difficult situation in a very able manner.

Prime Minister King this week said that Canada intends to retain her price, rent and rationing controls regardless of the United States action of abandoning similar war-imposed regulations in that country.

At the same time, Mr. King observed that development affecting prices in the United States were "not without their effect" upon Canada and stressed that Canadian policies, as in the past, would "necessarily continue to have such developments in mind."

The Finance Minister announced this week that the department is taking steps to have the copper-coloured five-cent pieces withdrawn from circulation. It will take some time to do this as the actual withdrawal will have to be made by the chartered banks. It is hoped, however, that these coins which are so easily confused with coppers, will be out of circulation in the near future.

Revenues from radio receiving licenses in Canada last year amount to \$4,260,379.14. Cost of collection, including commissions and enforcement, amounted to about 12%. The number of licences issued was 1,751,551. The Province of Ontario accounted for 607,968. The number issued in Aurora last year was 531, in Newmarket 1292. The figures for smaller municipalities are not yet available.

COURT "STINGS" ACCUSED STEALING BEE COLONIES

Stealing bee hives or meddling with them is risky business, for if the offender does not get strung in the act, there is still the chance of feeling the sting of the law, as a well-to-do resident of Bruce county discovered.

Arraigned in court on June 28th on a charge of theft of the contents of a number of bee hives in Carrick and Normanby Townships, Edward Plantz of Normanby Twp. was sentenced to a total of two months in the Bruce County gaol on pleading guilty and a conviction being registered.

The accused was charged as the result of an investigation by Pro. Officer Robert France who was

placed the bread dough in a bag, slung it over her shoulder and rode horseback to her sick friend's home, finishing the bread after she arrived. It was a rare case of expediency and kindness combined.

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notified to the effect that several bee colonies in Carrick and Normanby township, the property of Mr. Irwin Hoffarth of Tara had been broken into, and trays and combs and brood being stolen had been replaced with empty trays. Stating that his hives, which are situated in isolated areas, had been previously tampered with, Mr. Hoffarth said that on this occasion seven colonies had been entered in Carrick twp. and two in Normanby.

The accused, who defended in the action by Lawyer Campbell Grant of Walkerton, declared that he had procured a queen bee and required the brood for its survival, not having any himself. At this point, on inquiry, the court was informed that when a queen bee is purchased it is not accompanied by a brood; nor is one constantly needed.

The court declared that even if a brood was necessary, Plantz, who was further stated as a man of means, could have approached Mr. Hoffarth for the purchase of some of his stock.

In sentencing the accused, Magistrate O. E. McClevis declared that the beekeeper, who by the very nature of his business must have hives placed in isolated sections, requires the protection of the law and mentioned the present use of honey as a sweetener. Referring to the mean act of theft and the danger of Plantz ruining Hoffarth's

hive with only thought for his own, the magistrate sentenced the accused to one month in custody for the Carrick theft, and one month for the theft in Normanby twp. to be consecutive with the first.

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