

Dear, Sweet Thing!

This article is not at all sentimental, it is decidedly the opposite. We are speaking of sugar, which has gone up in price at an alarming degree until it now costs about \$5.50 per 100 lbs, wholesale. Retailers at present cannot afford to give more than 15 or 16 lbs to the dollar. The prospect for an early decline seems rather unfavorable, yet we would not advise our readers to purchase large quantities at present quotations.

Still Going Ahead.

Work on the dam is progressing favorably, despite cold weather. The men seem to be making good headway and in a short time operations will be nearing the finish. Visitors from outside speak in a highly favorable manner regarding the project, and predict a great boom in manufacturing industries when the plant is finished.

The Social Season.

This winter promises to be a lively one in social circles. After the holidays there will, we hear, be a number of very swell parties before Lent. Already there have been many delightful whist gatherings. The Golfers some time ago decided to form a snowshoe club, and the project is being carried out under the directions of the Greens' Committee.

Send in the Bills.

It is the wish of the town council that all outstanding bills against the town be presented at the last regular meeting for the year, which will be held on the 23rd inst. The board are anxious to clean up the year's business, in order to prevent any amounts from this year being charged up to next year's board.

Lost His Money.

R. J. Phillips, a farmer from Cole's Island, Queens Co., visited St. John last week and took with him his savings, about \$70 in all, intending to make his Christmas purchases. While walking along the street he dropped his wallet, and upon noticing his loss, went back over the route he had come, but found no trace of the money.

How Would This Do For 1905?

COUNCILLORS.

H. D. Stevens.
I. W. Fisher.
Geo. H. Saunders.
H. Paxton Baird.
J. S. McManus.
J. T. Garden.
Would not the citizens have confidence in such a council or would these be preferable?
H. D. Stevens.
I. W. Fisher.
R. B. Jones.
C. D. Johnson.
T. C. L. Ketchum.
H. E. Gallagher.
Six good men and true could surely be chosen from the above slates.

Scott Act.

In its report of a recent town council meeting the *Press* has the following item:—

"Mayor Lindsay pointed out that among the bills was one for \$194, expenses for Scott Act, but there were no receipts from that quarter."

Certainly Mr. Colpitts should be called to account. People thought he had collected large amounts in fines during the year, but it seems that the Mayor has not heard of it. We understand Mr. Colpitts has turned in and holds receipts for \$900 during the year, with probable expenses of \$400.

Mrs. Chadwick.

A former Canadian lady has got herself in trouble in the States. It seems that she secured large sums of money, giving forged securities. Andrew Carnegie's name is on her paper for half a million. He says he never saw the woman in his life. She has been put in jail. Her creditors will get perhaps a cent on the dollar. The amount of her indebtedness is estimated at \$1,250,000.

Bank Clerk Suicides.

Claude May, messenger in the British Bank at Halifax, shot himself through the head on Saturday afternoon. He was about 35 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children. No cause is given for his rash act.

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Earl Grey Arrives.

Our new governor general, Earl Grey, landed at Halifax last Saturday and was immediately sworn in. The steamer on which he crossed had a very rough passage. Addresses of welcome were read, and almost princely honors paid the new viceroy. The new governor is a man of prominence in the old country, and for some time was administrator of Rhodesia. He is a brother of the Countess Minto.

Clubbing Rates.

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Asked and Answered.

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Corner Main and Connell Streets.

BEWARE BOHEMIA.

Esperance Goodlove contributes to the *New Idea Woman's Magazine* for January an article on "The Etiquette of the Business Woman," in which she "boils down" her code of conduct into the laconic advice, "Be reticent, and work." Incidentally she remarks: "I was once inclined toward an affection for that vague style of life sometimes called Bohemian. . . . I went into a business office, remaining there two or three years, and—loathe the name Bohemian! Well knowing that many readers will shout with laughter at what I am going to say, they will lay my advice to prudishness rather than digested experience. I hereby state that a business woman's dignity suffers if she accepts any favors from men she knows in her office, unless those favors are coupled with social recognition from the family of man who gives them." Here is a radical statement which may surprise the independent woman of our day, but which will no doubt cause thought.

Ontario Political Notes.

Ontario is again in an election contest. When the house prorogued the government had a majority of three with the speaker. Since then the election courts have dissipated the majority and the reconstruction of the cabinet has left the premier in a minority of three, the newly appointed ministers losing their seats automatically.

Of the seats carried by over 200 majority, the Conservatives held 32 and the Liberals 32. One of the seats carried by the Liberals, North Perth was won by the Conservatives in the general election of May 29, 1902, and the Conservatives were carried in a general election by the Liberals by a majority of only 5. So that these seats may not be safely classed in the 200 list.

Nine seats were carried by each party with a majority of between 100 and 200, and under the 100 mark of the 18 remaining seats 10 were carried by Liberals and six by Conservatives. Analyzing the figures more carefully it may be seen that the Conservative majorities generally are larger than the Liberal majorities, the popular majority in the general election of May, 1902, being something in the neighborhood of 7000. In the election coming on the hardest fighting will probably be done in the 10 Liberal and six Conservative constituencies that gave majorities of less than 100.

The priorities were:—
Over 200—Liberals—(32)—South Brant 310, Brockville 376, North Bruce 268, South Essex 456, Fort William 382, North Grey 272, East Huron 455, East Kent 276, West Kent 235, West Middlesex 691, North Middlesex 207, Monck 350, E. Nipissing 204, W. Nipissing 242, West Northumberland 210, North Oxford 914, Parry Sound 317, North Perth 208, East Peterboro 443, West Peterboro 1194, Prescott 748, Port Arthur 559, South Renfrew 874, Russell 807, East Simcoe 447, Stormont 385, South St. Mary 251, East Wellington 454, South Wentworth 299, East York 322, North York 463.

Conservatives—(32)—Addington 557, Algonia 227, Cardwell 805, Carleton 1226, Dufferin 1334, Dundas 504, East Durham 684, West Elgin 502, North Essex 328, Glengarry 484, Greyville 880, South Grey 438, Centre Grey, acclamation; North Hastings 316, West Hastings 321, South Lanark 897, Leeds 509, Lincoln 689, Manitoulin 339, East Northumberland 281, Ottawa City (2 members), 615, 479; North Richmond 350, West Simcoe 877, East Toronto 922, North Toronto 282, South Toronto 730, West Toronto 1545, East Victoria 573, North Waterloo 266, South Wellington 227, West York 491.

Over 100 and under 200:—
Liberals (9)—North Brant 152, Hamilton 148, Kingston 136, East Lambton 104, North Norfolk 100, South Ontario 132, Peel 123, Prince Edward 113, Welland 112.

Conservatives—(9)—East Elgin 112, East Hamilton 143, West Hamilton 153, West Lambton 152, London 131, Muskoka 178, North Ontario 185,

South Oxford 173, West Wellington 103.

Under 100:—
Liberals (10)—West Durham 88, Halton 16, East Hastings 33, West Huron 21, North Lanark 80, East Middlesex 21, South Norfolk 75, South Perth 71, East Simcoe 44, North Wentworth 31.
Conservatives (6)—Centre Bruce 44, Frontenac 57, South Huron 53, Lennox 3, West Victoria 99, South Waterloo 98.

The Man Behind the Plow.

Much has been said of politics, Of war and of finance;
Our preacher praises honesty And scorns the public dance
Our artisans and merchant men, The printing press allow,
But very little has been said Of the man behind the plow.

One politician speaks of wheat, Another of Grand Trunk,
One says the speech the other made, The public will affront;
Of imports, exports, wool and grain, Our honest men avow,
That back behind this curtain stands The man behind the plow.

Our rail trains speed from east to west,
Our products to transport,
And A. G. Elair says that St. John Should be our Winter Port;
But honored men of parliament Could have slim chance to row
If 'were not for the strong support Of the man behind the plow.

When war clouds burst, and burst they do,
Upon a smiling land,
And battleships and transports speed Our soldiers to their stand,
With rifles slung and bayonets fixed, The foe to punish now,
Without this man they'd starve to death,
This man behind the plow.

Our cities with their pavement streets,
Are filled with folks of fame,
Have also men of rougher type Who fill a grave of shame,
But in the country, men are calm, And seldom raise a row,
They toil away from morn till night These men behind the plow.

In summing up the joys and woes Upon the human race,
You'll find the farmer fills the bill And takes no second place;
His turnips, oats and garden stuff, With hay that fills the mow,
You'll find an independent man, This man behind the plow.

If men would all their living make, Upon their Maker's plan,
With honesty to guide their steps And justice take his stand,
This world would be a better place, I'm sure you will allow,
All men would then be equal with The man behind the plow.

JAMES ROSBOROUGH.

Five months of the fiscal year 1904-5 have brought the United States Treasury deficit to \$25,929,799.

Colonel Sanderson, M. P., has almost recovered from his illness and has gone to Restrevor, County Down, to recuperate.

DESTROYING WEED SEEDS.

There are many ways in which weed seeds may be destroyed on the farm say Mr G H Clark, Chief of the Seed Division, Ottawa. Quantities of weed seeds get out into the farmyard at threshing time. There is a general tendency just at that time to do things with a rush. The threshing machine is apt to be overcrowded and many of the weed seeds, as well as a considerable quantity of grain, carried out with the straw. These are likely to germinate and grow with the next crop. A little care in the barn at the time of threshing and cleaning of grain, especially seed grain, will do much to lessen future labor with hoe and cultivator. Cleanings from grain containing weed seeds should be boiled or very finely ground. The seeds of many of the worst weeds are so small that it is not safe to trust to grinding to kill them; they should be boiled. It is not wise, either, to throw worthless screenings in roadways. Many of them will be carried away in mud on the hoofs of hoofs of horses and the wheels of vehicles and so distributed widely. The seeds of most weeds of the Mustard family have such a pungent flavor as to render them unpalatable to stock. The admixture with meal of even a small quantity of Worm-seed Mustard would render it useless for feeding purposes.

The enactment of laws to compel the cutting of weeds before they have ripened seed should be dealt with by the provincial and municipal authorities, because the majority of weeds are necessarily local in character, on account of the diversity of climate, soil, and methods of farming. It may be said that further laws of this sort would not be enforced and better than those we now have. But it is the duty of all farmers to make sure that they are not responsible for the spread of weeds from their farms to others. Good farmers should endeavor to create a strong public sentiment against shiftlessness on the part of those who are disposed to allow their fields to become overrun with weeds, so that the danger which now exists, and the greater danger which is in prospect, may be met in such a way that noxious weeds will not become too great a burden upon those who make their living primarily from the cultivation of the soil.

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