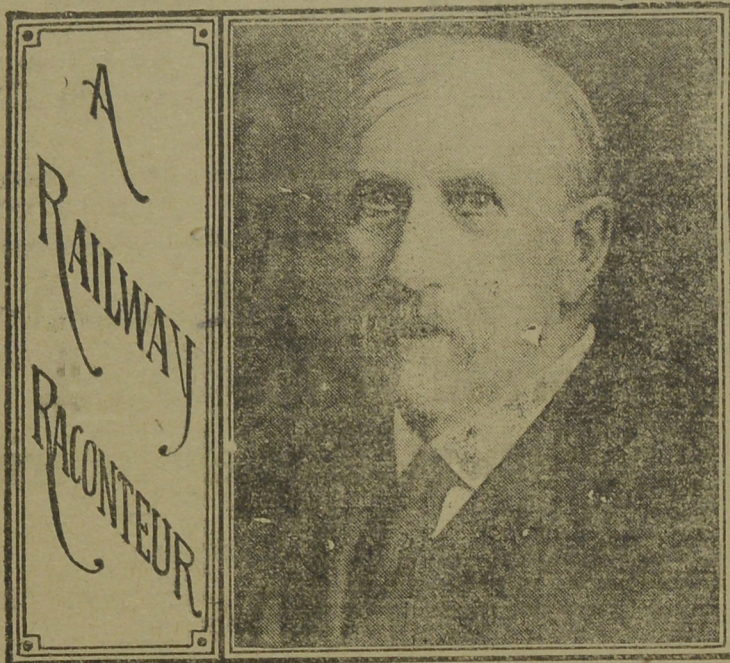




George H. Ham

The birthdays of Mr. George H. Ham, of the C. P. R., have for many years past been observed by some function or other. If it was not a home-like dinner with a score or so of close friends, or a public banquet or a presentation, or an operation in a hospital, or a trip on a railway train, it was something else. This year a radical departure is being made from the ordinary August 23rd proceedings with the Musson Book Company of Toronto as sponsors for the innovation. On that day, this publishing company is issuing "Reminiscences of a Raconteur," the author of which is Mr. Ham. In the articles which originally appeared in Maclean's Magazine, the author recalls incidents of his busy and by no means monotonous life from the infantile age of three down to the present day. The allotted three-score and ten of man is most interestingly covered. From his early boyhood days, he recounts events which include the Fenian Raids and the second Riel Rebellion, of chasing and being chased by wild Indians, of the bustling early days of Winnipeg and the West, of the Governors-General he has met, of the intrepid officers of the Hudson's Bay Company, of the Mormons with whom he mingled accompanied by the Canadian Women's Press Club of which he is the only male member, and he writes entertainingly of banquets and banquets. He delves into the mysteries of Oulja and Planchette, and gives instances of

telepathic communication and other psychological subjects. He has some previously unpublished stories of his old friend, Mark Twain, and an excellent article on Brother Andre, the Miracle Man of Montreal, and his great work. Under the caption of "Scarlet and Gold" he tells of the gallant men of the Northwest Mounted Police in its early days. In "When Toronto was Young," he gives a graphic description of the Queen City in the past, and his stories of politics and politicians give the reader an hitherto unknown insight into the life of many of the grand old men of Canada, when Sir John Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and his conferees held sway. The "C. P. R.," of which Mr. Ham has been part and parcel for nearly a third of a century, is presented in a way that it only could be by one intimate with its workings and the brainy men who inaugurated and ably managed it from its infancy until it became perhaps the greatest transportation company in the world. Running through the whole book, in which are several articles which did not appear in Maclean's, is a vein of quaint humor and tender pathos which charms and delights the reader. So on his 74th birthday, the "boy" author bestows, rather than receives, a fitting gift from his facile pen to his vast army of friends and acquaintances who are to be found in the four quarters of the globe.

A Splendid Illustration of Tory Ungratefulness

(Acadian Recorder.)

Our Tory friends neither welcome victory with dignity nor meet defeat with calmness. In victory they continue to taunt and insult their opponents for months after the results are published. In defeat they turn upon their own leaders, upon the men who have fought their cause and abuse them like pick-pockets. Their recent defeat is so complete and so utterly disorganizing to their party that they have started in to abuse Sir Robert to fix the blame and curse the victim. In this case, strange to say, they have started in to abuse Sir Robert Borden from all sides. This is the very essence of ingratitude. When the elections of 1911 gave them a smashing triumph they acclaimed Sir Robert as a heaven-born statesman, and a leader unequalled in the field or in the council chamber. They spoke of his judicious spirit, his unruffled temperament, his philosophic grasp of great questions, his power in debate, his "reserve force," his mastery of detail, and his high sense of justice and honour and a thousand other gifts and virtues which placed him upon a pedestal among the public men of this country. He had been leader of his party for ten years or more and plenty time had been given to study his genius and character and so we must conclude that their characterization of him was the result of long and careful observation and study, and left nothing unstudied in the general summing up. And this lofty and enthusiastic estimate of this statesman was adhered to up to the last minute of his retention of the leadership. But the day came when, through weariness and ill-health, he had to retire and make room for another, and the Tory press was filled with the highest panegyrics on the retiring veteran. Then they turned from the setting to greet the rising sun, and all at once they discovered all the virtues and all the talents in the new leader, who, besides possessing all the requisites of statesmanship possessed the supreme gift of all youth. So the brilliant and vauntingly acclaimed new leader took up the reins of power, made some preliminary speeches which his followers declared to be the very essence of high statesmanship, and set about the public business of the country. But almost from the first hour matters began to go bad for the Tory party. Their parliamentary majority began to fall away by reason of defections in the Commons and the people started the disquieting practice of defeating Government candidates in by-elections. Eventually he was forced to the country and suffered the most disastrous defeat in the political history of Canada. By this time, however, the Tories had apparently forgotten the nice things they had said about Sir Robert Borden and began to murmur against him as the cause of all their troubles. This is veritably the blackest ingratitude, and is besides poor psychology. Sir Robert Borden with the exception of added years which should mean added wisdom is exactly the same man as ever. He is the same man whom they apotheosized in 1911 and hailed as the universally accepted National leader in 1917. "Ingratitude more keen than serpent's tooth, quite vanquished him. Then brake his mighty heart, and with his mantle muffling up his face, even at the foot of Pompey's statue, Great Caesar fell." What it is to be the fate of the Tory leader!

Chevrolet Model "490" Special

A Few Special Features

New rear axle with spiral bevelled pinion and gear. Heavier Bearings and new housings to correspond. Separate emergency brake lever. Timken bearings in the front wheels. Heavier king bolts in bronze bushings. Spring hoot fasteners. Nickel plated radiator. Special top with whip cord lining, and gypsy curtains. New large oblong rear curtain. Light in aluminum frame. Doors hinged in front. Storm curtains open with all the doors. Front and rear seats lowered 1". Special trimming. Gasoline tank on the rear. New robe rail. Vacuum tank under the hood. New and much easier riding springs. Cord tires all round. Special nickel plated bumper.

Call and see the new Chevrolet Models at our show room, King Street.

Ask to see our Parts Stock Room and you will be convinced of CHEVROLET SERVICE

J. Clark & Son, Ltd.
Fredericton, N. B. and Branches.

JOB PRINTING

NOTHING ADDS MORE TO YOUR BUSINESS PRESTIGE THAN ATTRACTIVE STATIONERY

Patronize the MAIL and your JOB PRINTING will be DONE RIGHT

COME TO US FOR

LETTER HEADS CARDS, ETC., ETC.
ENVELOPES WEDDING STATIONERY
BILL FORMS, FANCY PRINTING
LOOSE LEAVES, OFFICE BLANKS, PROGRAMMES

We do all kinds of Book and Pamphlet Work; also Blank Books, Book Binding and Ruling.

The Mail - Fredericton, N. B.

Advertise In The Mail

HAY & GOODSPEED

-- DEALERS IN --

Flour, Feed, Fertilizer, Farm Produce and Machinery

364 King Street

FREDERICTON, N. B.

Phone 916

Wholesale Dry Goods and Woolens

House Furnishings For Everybody

CE CURTAINS, SCRIM CURTAINS, CURTAIN MUSLINS and DRAPERIES of all kinds.

retornes and Casement Cloths. White Bedspreads. Towels, Napkins and Table Linens.

OILCLOTHS AND LINOLEUMS, CARPETS, RUGS AND SQUARES

Prices Lowest Possible.

Goods Sold to the Trade Only.

VASSIE & COMPANY, LIMITED, ST. JOHN, N. B.

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS AND WOOLENS

our motto "Promptness Accuracy Courtesy"

Typewriter and Cash Register Repairing

done by expert workmen [Satisfaction Guaranteed]

A. W. BLACKMER

PHONE 118-11

96 REGENT STREET

Declares That Prohibition In the U. S. is a Success

(Toronto Globe.)

Prohibition in the United States is a relative success now and is on the road to complete success," reports the Board of Prohibition, Temperance and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church in that country. The report is based on an investigation, covering several months, through official channels as well as 20,000 heads of churches and numerous leaders of the 10,000,000 lay adherents. The statement includes no figures not personally verified.

Prohibition is excellently enforced in nine-tenths of the area of the country and is sufficiently well enforced in the remainder to be a very great improvement over the license system. There has been an enormous decrease in the consumption of liquor and a very large decrease in the arrests for drunkenness. Highly significant is the statement:

The fact of increased purchasing power is attested by signed statements of the Secretaries of Chambers of Commerce, real estate dealers, furniture and musical instrument dealers and merchants of many kinds, doing business in many cities.

There has been a large decrease in petty crime and there has also been a decrease in more serious crimes in many cities, though the evidence is not sufficiently complete for conclusions. Even better results have been obtained in rural and small-town districts. In New York state on June 30, 1919, the last wet day, there were 11,016 inmates of penal institutions, whereas one year later there were 9,145, and commitments declined from 59,033 to 26,145. The populations of the jails in typical counties were fewer by thousands than for the last wet year.

The effect upon social conditions has been markedly beneficial. "There has been a startling decrease in poverty and financial distress," says the report. "For the first time in history of the United States has passed through a period of sharp deflation with almost no hunger or suffering from exposure." The hospitals have been relieved of the alcoholic and have been able to give more attention to maternity and similar cases.

The effect upon child welfare is indicated by the statement of the largest manufacturer of milk bottles in the United States that under prohibition his business promptly increased by 35 per cent.

A warning is uttered against the propaganda of liquor interests. In reply to the statement that there is an enormous amount of illicit distillation, the report points out that only a few families of German extraction know how to make palatable beer, and that whisky, illicitly produced, is so nearly non-potable that only habitual alcoholics can consume it. The truth is that private distillation is an insignificant factor. Much of the propaganda against prohibition is inspired by old-time politicians who used the

THE CAMPAIGN IN GRENVILLE

Ottawa, Jan. 11—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen enters upon his by-election campaign in Grenville tomorrow. He will be opposed by a Progressive candidate. A series of ten meetings has been arranged by the Conservatives all to be addressed by Mr. Meighen. Some of his intimate friends in this city are alarmed at the extent of this programme because the former's premier's health has not been of the best lately. It was his intention to have gone south for six weeks to recuperate.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King returned to the capital today.

There are lots of methods for saving coal but few of them save any.

There is nothing new in the way of wickedness. Human nature drops pretty low in the scale at times but breaks no records. The same depth has been reached before.

If You Want To Make Your Hens Lay USE

Ful-of-Pep Laying Mash \$3.95 a bag

Ful-of-Pep Scratch Grains \$3.40 a bag

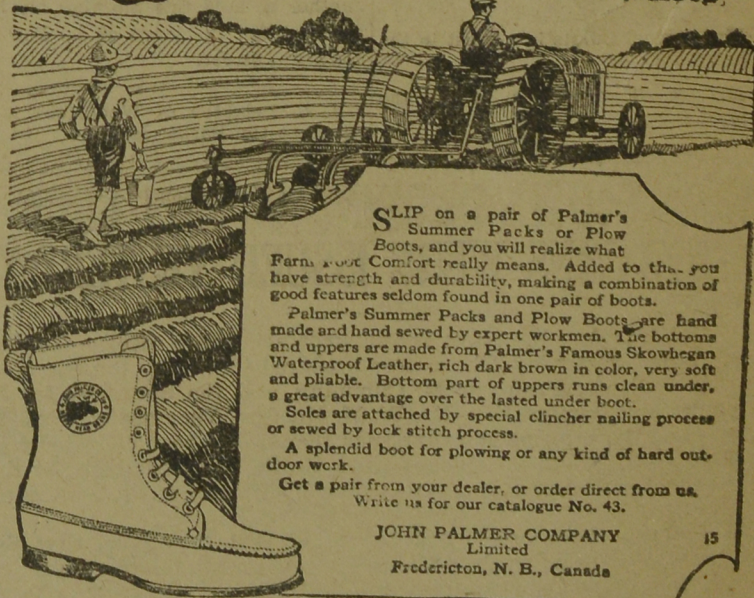
When ever used the above Poultry Foods have given results

For Sale by

G. W. HODGE



PALMER'S Moose Head Brand Summer Packs & Plow Shoes



SLIP on a pair of Palmer's Summer Packs or Plow Boots, and you will realize what Farm Comfort really means. Added to this, you have strength and durability, making a combination of good features seldom found in one pair of boots.

Palmer's Summer Packs and Plow Boots are hand made and hand sewed by expert workmen. The bottoms and uppers are made from Palmer's Famous Skowhegan Waterproof Leather, rich dark brown in color, very soft and pliable. Bottom part of uppers runs clean under, a great advantage over the lasted under boot. Soles are attached by special clincher nailing process or sewed by lock stitch process.

A splendid boot for plowing or any kind of hard outdoor work.

Get a pair from your dealer, or order direct from us. Write us for our catalogue No. 43.

JOHN PALMER COMPANY Limited

Fredericton, N. B., Canada

Advertise In The Mail