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FORMER JARVIS MAN HONORED

Forty-six years a railroadman, 60 years a good Canadian, is something to be proud of.

This is the record of Alexander M. Webster, formerly of Jarvis, now living in London, Ont. Mr. Webster, who started his railroading life on the old Great Western, made his early headquarters in Ingersoll. When he first joined up he was one of a section gang that got 80 cents a day, and each man had to spend one night in each week walking the road looking for broken rails. He was allowed to have the day following off, however.

After six years of faithful service, he was severely injured while coupling cars with the ancient pin and catch device. He lost his right hand. After that he turned his energies toward another side of railroading, and for 40 years has been station agent at Chatham, Ekfrid, Jarvis and for fifteen years at Jeannette's Creek.

This was his last post, and when he retired a few weeks ago it was a strange coincidence that the presentation by his friends in appreciation of his services should be made on January 31, 40 years exactly after the accident which caused the loss of his hand. Mr. Webster states proudly, however, that this is the only accident he was ever in, and that in all his 46 years of service the company has never lost a cent through his carelessness.

His father before him put in 45 years strenuous work in the same way, so the attraction of the steel road runs in the family. His large circle of friends in Jeannette's Creek, when he left them, gave Mr. Webster a beautiful stand lamp and presented the veteran with an address, expressing their regret at losing him and their thanks for the faithful and willing services he had always rendered them in his office as station agent. A great dinner was held in the town hall and after the more sedate part of the gathering there was a dance lasting into the small hours of the morning.

Mr. Webster, who is of Scottish descent and whose people hail from Aberdeen, carries his years with ease and vigor. He says he is years young, and looks it. Railroading seems to agree with him, and he proposes to go home to see the old place next year, and looks forward with the greatest pleasure to the trip home in one of the new fast ships on the Atlantic. He declares he is going to spend the rest of his time planting trees, growing a garden and raising the best chickens in the countryside, and if youthful and determined assurance will do it, then Mr. Webster, with 46 years on the road and 60 lusty years in old Ontario, will make good his claims.

JARVIS W. I.

The Jarvis Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Henning, Wednesday afternoon.

Arrangements were made to entertain the district representatives of the Women's Institute who are holding the district meeting in the school room of the Methodist church Thursday, March 13.

It was decided to invite the Simcoe band to hold a sacred concert in Jarvis sometime in the near future.

The program consisted of a paper by Mrs. Guler, "Some Points in Banking"; a paper by Mrs. Thomas McNeill on "The Essentials of Women's Institute Work"; a paper by Mrs. William Simpson on "The Arrangement of a Perennial Border"; a paper by Mrs. J. J. Parsons on "Thrifty" and a solo by Mrs. Stanley Doughty.

There was an attendance of 35. The meeting closed by singing the national anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served.

NANTICOKE W. I.

The Nanticoke Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. H. J. Butcher on Tuesday, March 11.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner.

The minutes of the last meeting were then read and confirmed.

Mrs. George Vokes gave a very interesting paper on "The Beauty and Pleasure of an Herbaceous Border." Miss Jean Vokes then favored the institute by a solo.

R. J. Robinson, of the Bank of Commerce staff, very kindly assisted in the program by giving the ladies some useful points in banking. An interesting item on the program was a pattern demonstration of work aprons by the institute members.

After a dainty luncheon, served by the hostess, the meeting was brought to a close by singing the national anthem.

The April meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. S. A. Thompson.

"THROUGH THE EMERALD ISLE" A travogue entitled "Through the Emerald Isle," illustrated by slides, songs and stories will be given by Rev. W. T. Brown in Knox Church Sunday school room on Friday, March 21, commencing at 8 o'clock. Admission 25c. Children 15c.

DEMONSTRATION

The new McCarty's... will be demonstrated... without cost... 40 minutes. See agent for demonstration.

T. H. PEACOCK

DISCOVERS CURE



DR. HAROLD K. BOX, a young Toronto dentist, who has made a special study of the disease known as pyorrhea, and has discovered the nature of the disease, and a method by which it can be successfully treated. So widespread is the disease that the discovery ranks close to that of insulin, in the relief of millions of sufferers the world over.

Like Dr. Banting, Dr. Box has offered his discovery freely to the dental world, making a gift of it to humanity. Official endorsement has been given his work by the government of Ontario.

School Reports

JARVIS CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Latin II—D. Ineson, 75; H. Brock, 65; E. Gowan, 65; B. Allen, 53; M. Gelinias, 52; M. Brown, 24.

Physiology—D. Ineson, 92; B. Allen, 83; H. Brock, 75; E. Gowan, 73; M. Brown, 73; J. Jaques, 68; G. Mitchell, 50; M. Gelinias, 34.

French II—D. Ineson, 91; H. Brock, 90; B. Allen, 88; E. Gowan, 69; M. Brown, 82; M. Gelinias, 60.

French I—B. Norman, 97; M. Ineson, 97; E. Carter, 96; O. Morrison, 95; C. McSorley, 93; N. Saunders, 93; L. McKenzie, 93; H. Falls, 92; E. Meredith, 92; J. Ineson, 91; M. McIntosh, 88; W. Steel, 88; I. McMurchy, 87; M. Henning, 84; L. Mitchell, 81; R. Buck, 75; M. Mitchell, 69; M. Fess, 50; E. Gowan, 44; B. Butcher, 19.

Algebra—L. Mitchell, 96; M. Henning, 94; H. Falls, 90; L. McKenzie, 90; B. Norman, 90; C. McSorley, 86; E. Carter, 86; O. Morrison, 82; B. Butcher, 72; N. Saunders, 71; M. Ineson, 66; J. Ineson, 65; M. McIntosh, 65; W. Steel, 61; I. McMurchy, 56; M. Fess, 50; E. Meredith, 50; R. Buck, 48; E. Gowan, 46; M. Mitchell, 23.

Art—M. Ineson, 80; L. Mitchell, 78; B. Norman, 75; E. Carter, 73; E. Gowan, 70; M. McIntosh, 68; M. Mitchell, 65; L. McKenzie, 64; O. Morrison, 63; M. Fess, 62; H. Brock, 62; W. Steel, 60; J. Jaques, 60; E. Meredith, 60; I. McMurchy, 60; D. Ineson, 58; H. Falls, 55; B. Butcher, 53; J. Ineson, 44; M. Henning, 42; C. McSorley, 42.

Zoology—M. Ineson, 87; D. Ineson, 78; B. Allen, 75; E. Meredith, 75; E. Carter, 67; L. Mitchell, 67; J. Jaques, 65; R. Buck, 64; B. Brown, 63; H. Brock, 63; M. Gelinias, 63; H. Falls, 61; O. Morrison, 59; B. Butcher, 57; C. McSorley, 55; M. McIntosh, 55; B. Norman, 55; L. McKenzie, 53; G. Mitchell, 52; M. Henning, 50; E. Gowan, 50; W. Steel, 50; M. Fess, 50; M. Brown, 48; I. McMurchy, 47; M. Mitchell, 43.

Geometry—D. Ineson, 98; B. Allen, 95; E. Gowan, 95; M. Brown, 90; E. Carter, 90; H. Brock, 75; G. Mitchell, 50; M. Gelinias, 50; J. Jaques, 50.

History—N. Saunders, 83; M. Ineson, 78; O. Morrison, 76; L. McKenzie, 75; R. Bhck, 73; J. Ineson, 72; E. Carter, 71; L. Mitchell, 68; E. Meredith, 64; M. Henning, 62; B. Butcher, 55; B. Norman, 50; W. Steel, 50; M. Fess, 48; E. Gowan, 47; I. McMurchy, 26; M. McIntosh, 20; M. Mitchell, 12.

Latin I—L. McKenzie, 95; L. Mitchell, 84; J. Ineson, 83; O. Morrison, 82; M. Henning, 76; M. Ineson, 75; N. Saunders, 70; C. McSorley, 62; E. Meredith, 57; M. McIntosh, 57; H. Falls, 57; R. Buck, 53; B. Norman, 53; E. Carter, 50; W. Steel, 50; I. McMurchy, 39; M. Mitchell, 36; M. Fess, 35; E. Gowan, 29.

Composition—B. Allen, 84; M. Ineson, 82; L. McKenzie, 81; L. Mitchell, 79; O. Morrison, 78; E. Carter, 77; D. Ineson, 75; J. Ineson, 74; Edith Gowan, 73; Ed. Gowan, 73; C. McSorley, 72; G. Mitchell, 72; R. Buck, 72; W. Steel, 70; M. Gelinias, 69; E. Meredith, 69; B. Norman, 68; H. Brock, 68; M. Henning, 66; M. Brown, 65; H. Falls, 65; I. McMurchy, 65; M. Mitchell, 64; M. Fess, 58; M. McIntosh, 57; B. Brown, 53; N. Saunders, 53; B. Butcher, 53; J. Jaques, 0.

Arithmetic—E. Gowan, 100; B. Allen, 100; H. Brock, 90; B. Brown, 89; M. Brown, 80; J. Jaques, 60; D. Ineson, 60; G. Mitchell, 50; M. Gelinias, 50.

Geography—O. Morrison, 90; E. Carter, 84; N. Saunders, 82; L. Mitchell, 82; B. Allen, 79; M. Ineson, 79; L. McKenzie, 78; E. Meredith, 78; M. Henning, 76; C. McSorley, 74; J. Jaques, 74; H. Brock, 72; B. Norman, 71; J. Ineson, 69; E. Brock, 69; B. Butcher, 67; M. McIntosh, 66; B. Brown, 66; E. Gowan, 64; M. Brown, 63; I. McMurchy, 61; H. Falls, 59; M. Mitchell, 58; G. Mitchell, 57; M. Gelinias, 54; Mr. Fess, 52; W. Steel, 52.

CALLED HOME; BROTHER SHOT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bourne and two children, of Chicago, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. Bourne's grandfather, C. E. Bourne, were called home Wednesday by a telegram bringing the news that Mrs. Bourne's brother, Walter Law, was shot and killed Tuesday night in Chicago.

No details of the affair were given in the message.

Mr. and Mrs. Bourne and their family left Wednesday in answer to the message.

"HOME ACRES" IS APPRECIATED

"Home Acres," a drama in three acts, under the able management of Hartley Pond, was presented in the Jarvis Music hall, Friday night and pleased a large audience.

It was put on by the young people of the Chesapeake Methodist church under the auspices of the Jarvis Methodist Epworth League.

The various parts in the production, which taught that the simple life and old, tried friends were the best, were well taken.

The humorous side was not forgotten and were well taken care of by Doris Pond as Lib, out of her element, and Harold Hoebel as Enoch, the chore boy. They were helped out by Gertrude Sheppard, as Ann Rickett, a dressmaker, who would never think of gossiping.

The plot was woven about the desire of John Whitman, who had been to college, taken by Russell Walker, to see real life in the city. He sold the old farm and nearly lost his sister's money as well as his own, but was saved by an old friend, David Holden, taken by Charles Sheppard.

The following was the cast: Ann Rickett, a dressmaker, Gertrude Sheppard; Jane Whitman, rooted in the soil, Vera Forrest; David Holden, a young farmer, Charles Sheppard; Rose Whitman, a country flower, Nina Pond; Lib, out of her element, Doris Hoebel; John Whitman, who has been to college, Russell Walker; Wilfred Clay, a New Yorker, Harold Snider; Mrs. William Jaques has returned home after spending several weeks in Toronto.

Mrs. Anna McNeill, of Port Dover, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Helen Steel.

A St. Patrick's dance will be held in the Jarvis Music hall on the evening of March 17. The Port Dover orchestra will furnish the music.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist church will meet at Mrs. Fred Newell's home on Tuesday, March 18, at 2:30 p.m.

A. J. Krouse, two miles west of the village has decided to go out of the dairy business and will hold a sale of high grade stock Friday, March 14.

Will any person in this district who is sending paid subscriptions to the Spectator, Hamilton, during the contest, kindly send in our favour. J. Porter, Agent, Jarvis.

VARENCY W. I.

The March meeting of the Varence Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Brown on Thursday, March 6. Attendance 25.

The meeting opened in the usual way by singing the Opening Ode, followed by the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

It was decided that a quilt be made and tickets sold.

After the business part of the meeting, Misses Helen and Annie Miller played an instrumental duet. Mrs. Mulkins gave a splendid paper on "Avoid Being Too Sensitive to Criticism, But Rather Rise Above It." Mrs. Doc Parkinson then read a letter from Miss Chapman.

The April meeting was invited to the home of Mrs. Frank Saunders.

MISS IDA JACQUES became the bride of William Lloyd Mitchell, March 1. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. A. Bremner in Coburg. Miss Allen and Mrs. Allen, of Coburg, accompanied the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will reside in Walpole.

MONUMENT TO PARLIAMENTARIAN



A very fine figure bronze, a statue portrait of Lieut.-Col. George Harold Baker, M.P., has just been unveiled at the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. Col. Baker was the first Parliamentarian to lose his life in the Great War. His death occurred in action at Secretary Wood, June 2, 1916, when he was serving under Lord Byng. It was Lord Byng who unveiled the monument at Ottawa. The picture shows the bronze figure, and also the position it occupies in a bay of the east side of the main entrance to the House of Commons.

LEADS PROGRESSIVES



ROBERT FORKE, M.P., the leader of the Progressive party in the Dominion House, and member for Brandon.

Personal Notes

Sam MacKay spent the week-end in Hamilton.

Alfred Terry spent the week-end at his home in Toronto.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wednesday.

Charles Nicol, of Sandusk, spent the week-end visiting relatives in St. Thomas.

Arthur and Kenneth Ewing, of Watertord, are spending a few days with their aunt, Mrs. Jessie Brennan.

The Walpole council will meet in the office of the Walpole Fire Insurance Company Saturday.

Charles Parsons left Tuesday to visit relatives in Detroit, Chicago and Ohio, Ill.

C. E. Bourne, who has been seriously ill, is improving. He is able to sit up for a short time each day.

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Lea Porter, who was operated on for appendicitis in St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton, last week expects to be well enough to return home Tuesday.

Rev. Mr. Siple conducted services in the Methodist church here Sunday morning and in Garnet in the afternoon. The pastor of the churches, Rev. George Smithman, was ill, but took the service here Sunday night.

C. C. McCarther made a business trip to Toronto recently, and while there closed a deal for a fruit farm at Simcoe known as "Norfolk Heights." We understand, however, this property is not for himself.

A St. Patrick's banquet will be held by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church on the evening of Monday, March 17. Those who attend will gather in the church and go from there to the school room for the supper, after which a program of toasts and music will be given. Mrs. Shirley Rodgers Bates will be the soloist.

WHOLE RIDINGS BRIBED BY USELESS PUBLIC WORKS

Grattan O'Leary Tells of the Methods of Governments to Remain in Power at Expense of the Taxpayers of the Dominion

(By special arrangement with MacLean's Magazine, The Record has obtained permission to reprint Grattan O'Leary's description of affairs at Ottawa both under the present and past governments. Mr. O'Leary has taken government reports as the basis of his articles. He is a journalist skilled in the ways of political economy and a veteran of the Ottawa press gallery. The articles are written in a spirit of "without fear or favor." It is a case of "cut to the line, let the chips fly where they will."—Editor's Note.)

By GRATTAN O'LEARY

(Continued From Last Week)

Briefly, it is simply a system, or practice, by which parties in office use public moneys to bribe or debauch constituencies, to the end that they may continue in power. It is a system by which a Government dispenses rich favors to constituencies and groups that are friendly—or subservient—and neglects or starves constituencies and groups that are hostile. It is a system that exalts the creed that "the spoils belong to the victors"—the spoils being public offices, or public moneys, or the public domain.

It is seen at its best, or worst, in the supplementary estimates—when the "faithful" are rewarded—or when a ministry becomes fearful of a by-election verdict.

Let me give an illustration. And these articles are but an attack upon the present Liberal ministry, let me take the illustration from a Conservative regime. In 1920 there was a by-election in Victoria, B.C. It was necessitated by the appointment of Dr. Tolmie as Minister of Agriculture in succession to Mr. Crerar, who had resigned. That by-election had not been in progress a day when the Government announced that it would build a dry-dock in Victoria costing five millions of dollars.

A "High and Dry" Dock

There were ports in Canada in worse need of a dry-dock than Victoria. There was, for example, Vancouver. Vancouver boasted a tonnage of four millions greater than the tonnage of Victoria. As against a dry-dock of 450 feet in length which Victoria already possessed, Vancouver had no dry-dock at all. And while Victoria was and is largely a port of call, Vancouver was and is a port of discharge—with dry-dock facilities vital. By every law of logic, shipping needs, efficiency and common-sense, Vancouver should have been favored; but it was not. As between making certain of the election of Dr. Tolmie, and the proper disposition of docking facilities on the Pacific Coast, the Government never hesitated. The consequence was that in due time Dr. Tolmie's post-dated cheque was honored—Victoria got its \$5,000,000 dock. That is the "Pork Barrel."

Last year there was a by-election in North Essex. The King Government's candidate was a very excellent gentleman known as Mr. "Tim" Healy. In the course of the contest it became evident that Mr. Healy was encountering rough going; and the Government, hearing the news, was disturbed. Accordingly, and in due time, there appeared a poster, with this literary effort on Mr. Healy's behalf:

VOTE FOR HEALY and get \$86,000 Gov. Docks \$25,000 Waterworks Free gift from James Cooper. \$75,000 Brick and Tile yard to employ 30 hands the year round. Vote for Robinson and get nothing but hot air. King needs Tim; so do you. TIM AND KING—THAT'S THE THING.

That would be amusing—if the country didn't pay. Unfortunately, however, the country paid. The note matured toward the end of last session. The vote was brought down in the Supplementaries and jammed through the House almost at the eleventh hour, before prorogation; and thousands of dollars were added to our tax bills because—because "King needs Tim."

Halifax provides the most shocking evidence of the Pork Barrel at its worst. Go down to that city, go over its great terminal works, see where millions have been sunk in deserted and unused terminals—and you will see a pathetic monument to Government patronage and waste. But let that pass. A few months ago there was a hard contest, and the Government, its majority at zero, was desperate. Looking around for a lifebuoy, it discovered that Halifax needed a new elevator. Now if there was one thing in the wide world that Halifax didn't need, that thing was a new elevator. It had more elevator space that it had ever used or was likely to use for several years to come. Out amidst the rest of its unused terminals stood an elevator, capable of handling twelve million bushels of grain—yet deserted. For three years scarcely a bushel of wheat had passed through it into the holds of ships.

No matter. The Government would build a new elevator. It would cost \$1,200,000; there would be rich contracts for somebody; there would be lots of work for the "boys." And so the Ministerial press, and Mr. E. M. Macdonald, and the Prime Minister himself, spoke eloquently of the Government's generous gift. The money was nothing; the contracts were already to be let; all that was necessary was to—vote for the Liberal candidate.

Halifax — to its credit — was not bribed. It did not vote for the Government candidate. And what happened? Well, the Government lost all of its ardor for that Halifax elevator. Where weeks before it had the money and everything ready to go on with the work, and was about to let the contract for it, it suddenly discovered that the plans were all wrong, that they called for something it didn't have in mind, and that the tenders were too high.

And there will be no elevator built. Halifax not having come across with the Pork Barrel will not come across with an elevator.

From Halifax to Kent. At first it looked easy. Kent was almost traditionally Liberal, and it is three-fourths Acadian; the Ministry was confident. Then things darkened. Stories came to Ottawa of a Maritime revolt; and so shock troops and the Pork Barrel were sent into action. For what subsequently happened, and for what subsequent illustration of how Ministers love to use public moneys to buy up a riding's votes, let me quote this despatch from the public press:

"Santa Claus came to Richibucto this evening, bringing gifts for the people of Kent; some prospective, it is true, but all alluring. One of the number, Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, brought his gift in his hand, something definite. He announced that commencing on the fifteenth of this month the fisheries' inspectors of this province would not have to report to the chief inspector at Halifax.

"Another gift-bearer was the Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State, and representative of New Brunswick in the King Government. He has outbid his colleague of the Fisheries Department for he intimated that as return of the Liberal candidate, Alfred Bourgeois, would mean the extension of the Moncton-Buctouche branch line to Richibucto, a distance of some eighteen miles.

"The third gift-bearer was Hon. P. J. Venoit, Prime Minister of New Brunswick. Premier Venoit said that only recently a delegation from Richibucto had waited on the Provincial Government in the hope of having the provincial system take over the system which Richibucto and its neighboring town has on the Kouchibougué river. Immediately he had issued orders that the engineers of the Hydro system make a survey and see if it was possible for the Government to acquire the civic power system and link it up with the hydro system, and thereby give the people of Kent good service."

Mr. Copp, on a later occasion, was particularly clear in pointing out the material benefits that would come to Kent if it voted for the Government candidate. He said:

"Now, I want to ask you in all fairness, who will be your representative? Who will be the more apt to get a more reasonable and fair consideration for you, Doucett, the Conservative, or Bourgeois? It is to your very great advantage... if you want better railway facilities for this part of Kent to elect Mr. Bourgeois."

Kent, like Halifax, declined to be bought. But if it had not so declined the money public would have been used to redeem such talk. And it is because constituencies don't often decline, it is because ridings succumb to this shameless use of the Pork Barrel that the public's money is poured out in waste and Canada is confronted year after year with the spectacle of red ink deficits.

Your House of Commons

But how, it may be asked, do such votes get through Parliament? What of the Opposition? What of those watchdogs of the treasury who murmur incantations about economy? Where are those alert Progressives who were to take us all from the boglands to the eternal summits of righteousness? For answer let me try to picture one of the dying days of the session. It is a hot sultry day in June. The end of the session is in sight; members who have orated about everything and anything for months sit like rows of exhausted volcanoes. Some, their exhausted cheques in their pockets, have already gone home; others are preparing to go. Only long rows of empty seats confront the Government; even the Press Gallery is deserted. In a low monotone voice the committee chairman reads out item after item of supplementary estimates—thousands, tens of thousands, millions—the Ministers and a few parrot supporters call "Carried! carried!" There is hardly a voice to object. Thousands for here, there and everywhere, that, millions for here, there and ev-

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