

A wide variety of subjects in the field of the outdoors is covered in the May issue of "Rod and Gun" which has just been issued. In connection with the opening of the camping and fishing seasons, the current issue of the magazine contains a number of interesting articles which should prove of value to those planning to visit the woods or stream. The regular departments of Fishing Notes and Outdoor Talk carry articles particularly appropriate to the season.

Bonnycastle Dale's contribution to the May issue is a novel one, giving sportsmen an insight into the commercial side of fishing for mackerel. Raymond Thompson presents an interesting article on Jasper National Park and a fiction story "Never Say Die" by Harry M. Moore.

Here and There

The maple sugaring industry is on the up-grade again. The yearly sugar production with its equivalent in syrup decreased from 22,000,000 pounds in the '80s to 20,000,000 pounds a few seasons ago. For 1925 production is equal to 26,512,289 pounds of sugar.

After one of the mildest winters in the known history of the Rocky Mountains, the Banff tourist season was ushered in during the first week in April, when a distinguished group of Australians, under Sir Frank Heath, of Melbourne, took the general drive through the surrounding mountains.

On the last leg of the 129-day Round-the-World Cruise, the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Scotland" passed through the Panama Canal, and Miss Katherine Kinney, a passenger, was elected to operate the controls of the two Miraflores locks. In doing this the young lady raised the vessel fifty-four feet. A toll of \$17,211.25 was paid to clear the vessel at the canal.

Sir John Pickford, Chief Scout Commissioner and Commissioner for Overseas Scouts and Migration, recently laid before E. W. Beatty, President of the C.P.R., his plans for assisting boys over seventeen years of age to come to Canada. Sir John said that more British boys were going to Australia because the age limit for assisted passages to that country was higher than Canada's.

Increasing prosperity in the agricultural industry, resulting in re-awakened interest in the acquisition of Canadian farm lands, has had the result of raising the average value of western farm lands from \$37 per acre in 1924 to \$38 per acre in 1925. For the year Prince Edward Island shows the highest increase at \$45 per acre, compared to \$40 in 1924.

Of the grain stocks at the port of Vancouver, which are being steadily exported, European markets received practically 27 million bushels and the Orient 20 million bushels of the 47,144,777 bushels of the 1925 crop, which had been shipped to Vancouver. The amount of grain in store at Vancouver is seldom more than 1,000,000 bushels.

All local trains coming into Windsor Station, Montreal, from the Eastern Townships brought supplies of maple syrup which increased rapidly during April. Similar shipments poured into the Place Viger Station from the Laurentians. Dominion Express officials stated that the quantities were well up to the average of former years, while the quality was also up to the mark.

With the inauguration of the new "Redwing" special train service on the Canadian Pacific Railway line between Boston and Montreal, a group of prominent Bostonians were invited to Montreal on the initial trip of the "Redwing" from Boston. Montrealers went to Boston on the same special. The "Redwing" cuts several hours off the old schedule between the two cities.

According to the weekly crop report of the Canadian Pacific Railway the spring opening of the 1926 season, after one of the finest winters ever experienced in Western Canada, finds conditions very favorable. Food was plentiful and winter losses less than usual. Prospects for coming season are fine owing to good moisture. There is a live demand for new machinery.

CORRESPONDENTS

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tyrrell, their four sons and daughter Ruth, have all been confined to their beds with the flu, but are around again now.

Mrs. J. Walker gave a birthday party on Saturday evening in honor of Russell's 20th birthday.

Mrs. Doris Pond, of Hamilton, honored her mother by a short call on Sunday.

ROCKFORD

Mrs. Wm. Somers of Simcoe, was visiting at her son Dalton's and attended Sunday School.

Hugh Wilson of Brantford, spent Sunday at his mother's Mrs. Margaret Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett of Rainham Centre, visited the latter's sister, Mrs. Stanley Anderson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wood of Clarendon, spent Sunday at the former's uncle's, Mr. Ralph Kenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Golding and family motored to Brantford Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Golding's father, Mr. Fred Sanderson, who is in the Brantford hospital.

The Phillips family motored to Hamilton Sunday to visit their father, who we are pleased to learn, is getting along nicely in St. Joseph's hospital.

"Mothers' Day" passed off splendidly last Sunday, good attendance; the printed program was used; the Willing Workers' class presented a Mothers' Day exercise, and Miss Holmes gave a splendid address on "Our Mothers." Your correspondent felt that the talk was so good that we begged permission to have it sent to "The Record" so that others also might read it. The address follows:

MOTHER

"Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined," is a common saying, and who has the bending of the twig? The very name of "Mother" is one of the most sacred of all connected with human relations. No name is more sweet or precious or expressive of more important duties. And the first duty next to the care of the body, is to train the child to honour and obey its parents. She has every advantage to do this—she is always with her child—if she is where mothers ought to be. The child's mind is ever acting, and soon may a mother see that, carefully as she may study her child, quite as carefully is her child studying her.

It is true we cannot tell what duties our children may be called to perform in after-life; many of England's greatest men were born poor cottagers. But mothers can in a great measure, (1) preserve their brains and limbs from injury, (2) cultivate their faculties, (3) teach them to exercise all their senses, (4) use their hands diligently and skillfully, (5) to observe with their eyes, (6) to listen to good instruction; in short, we can, by God's help, to teach them, as the prophet says: "To choose the good and refuse the evil."

It is said that "Mother" is the fountain-head of the household, and household is the fountain-head of society, and both the commonwealth and the church grow out of the family. They both take their character from the

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There are several essentials to a good home. Wealth is not one of these, for in many an abode of honest poverty, contentment dwells. The richest of these humble homes were the industrious hands and the praying heart or Mother. God's Word was the light of the homestead—the Bible, the spinning-wheel and the family altar stood side by side.

Children are wonderful imitators; so it should be easy to lead them in good ways. Their plays consist chiefly in imitating their elders. They love "to make believe" to go to market; to plant a garden; to make hay; to wash; to drive horses; or aspire in some way to be like their elders, and do they need expensive toys with which to play? It is said that a little French prince turned from his expensive New Year's toys to watch some peasant children making mud pies, and begged his queen mother to allow him to join in the sport which seemed so charming to his childish eye; and which offered some scope to his ingenuity. Then, must the mother "Fill the bushel basket with good wheat, and there will be no room for chaff or rubbish."

Then, if children are naughty, should they be chastised? To teach the child to obey its parents is the first step in teaching it to obey its great heavenly Parent. We know, "The Lord loveth the son whom he chasteneth."

Our mothers are our earliest instructors, and they exert over their children such an influence that it is above the power of language to describe it. It is said, every mother should be a Sunday School teacher, her own children should be her class, and her own home should be her school house. Then shall "Her children rise up, and call her blessed."

Then, as children pass away from childhood, the mother's influence does not decline. We think of the lines:

OUR MOTHER

Our mother's lost her youthfulness
Her locks are turning grey,
And wrinkles take the place of smiles.
She's fading every day.
We gaze at her in sorrow now,
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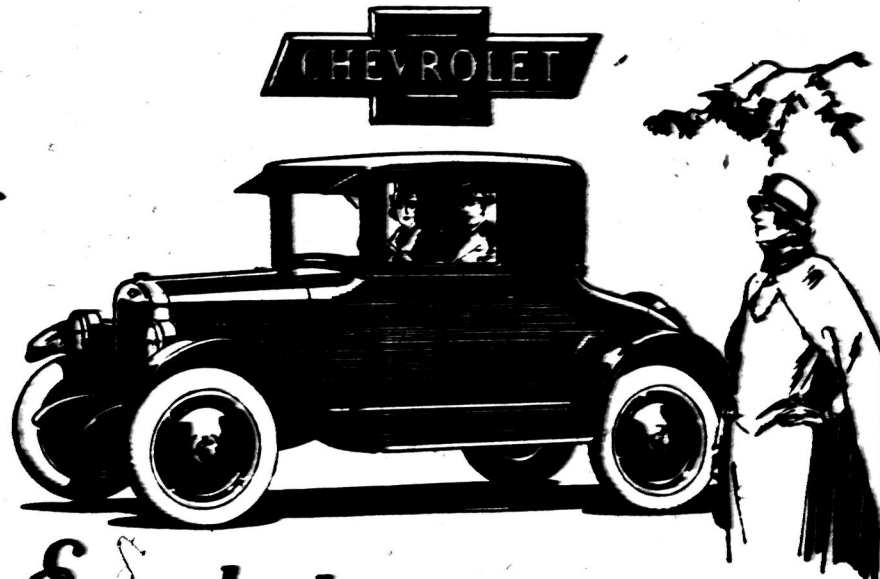
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