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# THE WESTERN GUARDIAN

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—GRAND CONCERT and basket social in Searletown Hall, Tuesday, Feb. 26. Ladies with baskets free. 1650-2-23-31

—ELECTION INTEREST.—The candidates for the civic election of the 26th inst. are busy men, more interest being taken in civic matters than for a number of years. All are good men and the town should be well governed for the next twelve months.

—CIVIC HONORS.—Sir, I have been very much interested in the arguments, pro and con, of the candidates for civic honors, but have been somewhat puzzled by the way some of our local papers are taking the matter up. As far as I can judge Mr. Lidstone made a statement that more or less of the electric light plant is practically junk. Anyone living in this town for any length of time knows that a major part of that plant was second-hand when installed, and the wear and tear since then has certainly not renewed its youth. Mr. Campbell was the mayor at the time of the purchase of this plant, and I understand, although requested by some of the council, to have an expert come and report on its condition, took it upon himself to purchase it, more or less like a "pig in a poke." Has he then a right to shoulder all the responsibility on Mr. Lidstone's shoulders, if that statement is true? Or has he gone to the trouble of examining the aforesaid machinery since that statement was questioned? Who would have the best opportunity of knowing the facts with the last year? There have been some pertinent questions asked. We would like to put a few ourselves. Were all the facts made public last spring when so much talk was floating around? Why were some of the accounts of 1922 carried over when the goods were delivered and in use? Was it to make the electric plant accounts look like a surplus when it was not? The price was known, it should have been charged to 1922. Who confirmed the mayor's statement as to the overdrift, the Pioneer or Mayor Lidstone? I am, Sir, etc. — A PUZZLED VOTER.

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—\*FISH MARKET OPENED at Montague. Salt and fresh fish, prices right.—William Landrey, North Side Bridge. 71

—\*EASTERN AGENT — Mr. J. W. Murdoch is now Guardian Agent in Montague and will be pleased to receive news items, advertising, Job Printing, new and renewal subscriptions.

—\*MUSICALE.—Mr. and Mrs. Longaphie of Katin, Sask., were the hosts to their numerous island friends on Thursday evening at the residence of their brother, Mr. Anslem Longaphie, Souris. Auction forty-fives were played until eleven o'clock at which a large number of the invited guests participated. Mr. Louis McDonald, Harmony Jet, and Mrs. Stephen McAulay, Souris, were the prize winners. The tables were then cleared, and dancing commenced, at which many of the modern waltzes and fox trots were indulged in, though quadrilles and lancers were the predominating feature. At midnight a dainty supper was served, Mrs. Longaphie being assisted by Mrs. Anslem Longaphie and the Misses Longaphie. The music was furnished by two violins in the hands of good local performers. The company consisted of a very large number of guests from many miles distant, the North side furnishing a large quota, which with the good sleigh roads, was a pleasant drive, not till the wee' sma' hours of Friday morning did the company disperse, all singing praises of Mr. and Mrs. Longaphie and of the right good time they had.

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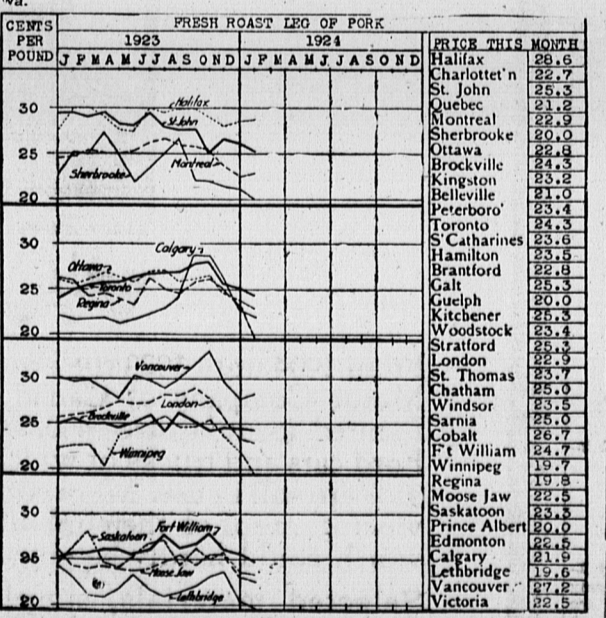
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"IT was this summer that I got my first gun, and it puzzled me to find that my companions seemed to see things to shoot at which I could not see at all. One day they read aloud an advertisement in huge letters on a distant billboard and I then realized that something was the matter, for not only was I unable to read the sign but I could not even see the letters. I spoke of this to my father, and soon afterwards got my first pair of spectacles, which literally opened an entirely new world to me. I had no idea how beautiful the world was until I got those spectacles. I had been a clumsy and awkward little boy, and while much of my clumsiness and awkwardness was doubtless due to general characteristics, a good deal of it was due to the fact that I could not see and yet was wholly ignorant that I was not seeing. The recollection of this experience gives me a keen sympathy with those who are trying in our public schools and elsewhere to remove the physical causes of deficiency in children, who are often unjustly blamed for being obstinate or unambitious or mentally stupid.

This same summer, too, I obtained various new books on animals and birds, including the publications of Spencer Baird, for instance, and made an industrious book study of the subject. I did not accomplish much in outdoor study because I did not get my spectacles until late in the fall."

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