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RADIO

A great deal has yet to be discovered about radio broadcasting, and improvements made in its control before it becomes the perfect method of sending abroad programs for instruction and amusement to the people. We have appointed a commission to look after it, and this commission has shot up the license from one to two dollars, with a possibility of a further raise. For weak stations such as we have in Canada two dollars is more than enough for radio owners to pay.

As this business stands to-day it is probable that 90 per cent. of the programs listened to come through the high powered stations in the United States. Fancy the annoyance experienced when Virginia, St. Louis or Chicago stations butt in and completely swamp some of our Toronto stations while news of great interest is coming over the wire. In one instance a Toronto station broadcasting news in the morning is completely wiped off the air by a Chicago station perhaps telling us how far the announcer was obliged to walk in order to reach his station, how sore his feet were, then getting off what he calls jokes or "smart cracks" which only an idiot would perpetrate or laugh at.

The Canadian commission has ordered the Judge Rutherford recordings cut out of the Canadian broadcast. This, while it will partially relieve the air of a nuisance, is futile, because the American stations will continue the dissemination of these recordings and Canada is helpless to remedy it. This, however, is only an illustration of what goes on over the air. The commission will have to combine a lot of small Canadian stations and transform them into several high powered stations before it can justify its existence, and the formation of a new department of high salaried officials and additional taxation to an already over-burdened country. The rdio is becoming a costly luxury.

Even if these high powered stations are erected this does not guarantee that our air troubles will be over, because it will doubtless mean that American stations will again step up their power and leave us once more in an "air pocket," as it were. Satisfaction will never be arrived at until an international understanding is arrived at and all stations are placed on the same plane as to power.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If this technocracy discussion keeps up much longer we will all go technocrazy!

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Who would go to Florida when we can enjoy such weather as we have had recently.

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Toronto will be in great luck if better times are with us when it comes to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the city in 1934.

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Last week we chronicled a fine rainbow in the sky for January. This week a thunderstorm passed over. Sap has been running and we expect any moment to hear the frogs pipe up.

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Now they tell us we may have better prices for grain before the end of the year. If the prophets could be relied on, and they could include a decided betterment in live stock prices, very many people in this district would rejoice.

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Canada led in appointing a woman (Madame Wilson) to the Senate. Now Russia gives first place to a woman of distinction by appointing Madame Alexandra Kolontay Minister of Sweden. The Russians are not always behind.

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In view of the prevalence of bad colds, when the weather is unsettled, the Board of Health gives this safe advice:- If you must show your affection, kiss on the back of the neck; the thrill will be just as great and you will probably avoid disease." In short, the admonition to the ardent one is, "Neck or nothing; safety first."

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It may be a pre-request to the development of a brand of heroism for fliers to undertake unnecessary trips over desolate mountains and deserts, but surely the talents of the men and women who have gone down to death trying to beat records could have turned to some more profitable achievement.

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Merchants in Sudbury and neighboring villages have been indulging in an unique census. They tell us they have ascertained that the depression has not been so awful to many of the denizens as the outcry for relief would suggest. Their census, for example, shows that during 1932 the people bought 398,300 sticks of chewing gum, and for this one commodity paid $21,589.50.

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Parliament resumes its sittings on Monday next. Knowing ones at Ottawa are expecting a lively session. Probably the first subjects debated will be the proposed trade arrangements with Russia. Premier Bennett has said nothing publicly on the subject since his return from Britain, but he is known to be pinned for a declaration not very favorable to recanting his former opposition to commerce with the Soviet.

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Our seedmen have issued their regular spring catalogues. The receipt of these harbingers of spring has been looked forward to with interest by all those who use seeds for planting, in hope that the prices would be found to have come down to something compatible with prices of farm products in general but this hope has been blasted by receipt of these catalogues. The prices of package seeds remain the same as they have been of recent years, 10c per packet.

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The United States Farm Board has lost four hundred and fifty million dollars in a marketing experiment—a legacy by the Hoover administration to Mr. Roosevelt. Canada's government has, it is alleged, been dickering in a similar effort to help the wheat trade. How many millions the speculation will cost the Canadian taxpayers has not been revealed. No doubt, the opponent of the government will get after it for an explanation.

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The Canadian Poultrymen's Association have solemnly declared in favor of a later date for Thanksgiving Day definitely fixed for the Sunday (Monday?) nearest November 11. It is held by the hen men that when Thanksgiving is fixed for early fall the poultry is not matured, and the appetite of the public is not sufficiently stimulated to be helpful to this ever advancing industry. The request is reasonable, and a favorable response from the powers that be, would, we feel assured be generally approved.

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When it comes to supervising their accounts, municipal council sometimes get tripped up. For example, the town council of Chelmsford believed it's clerk's books required checking and double checking, so it spent $275.95 on investigation, only to discover that the town owed the clerk three cents! But this was not the end of the discomfiture of the Sapient municipal solons. They refused to pay the auditor $60 as his fee, and called in a government auditor. And another bill has now been lodged for this second audit, amounting to $196.95 plus $19.00 expenses. There is apparently such a thing as an over-audit, and it is costly.

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Rear Admiral Sims of the United States addresses these trenchant remarks to his fellow country-men When we put our tariff up, thirty other countries followed suit, and world trade was cut in half. Economic war is sometimes more destructive than actual war, though it isn't so spectacular and doesn't kill so many people. It is going on all the time, and we're now in a state of actual war. Canada, having joined in the same mad race to prevent trade, could well lay similar declarations to heart. We are all ascertaining that when taxes on what we buy are increased we must put them up. That is, all but the beneficiary of the impost—and that one tax leads to another.

KEEP MANGERS CLEAN

An inspection of the mangers of stables when cows are not doing well might go a long way toward finding out the cause of trouble. Sanitation in mangers and the drinking supply is in many cases very poor. When cows don't drink as much water as they should, or leave a certain amount of meal in the bottom of the mangers, the trouble may generally be laid to the door of poor sanitation. An inspection of mangers and drinking cups would probably show that the cups had become fouled with chaff and spoiled silage, and when left for even a day the water is filthy. It is reasonable that cows will not drink freely of this water. Anywhere from a quarter of an inch of hard accumulated filth can sometimes be scraped out of the manger. It has a stench which makes the animal quit eating long before it has had enough. Drinking bowls and mangers should be kept clean if the cattle are to flourish.

When the Dundalk Herald went to press last week, Dundalk horseshoe pitchers were enjoying their favorite game nearby. How's that for January weather? asks the Herald.

Practical Joke Played On Canadian Farmers

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

As the facts leak out about the much bally-hooed cattle-oil barter deal with Russia it becomes more and more apparent that certain of our newspapers have been treating their readers to a huge practical joke—a cruel practical joke because the hopes of tens of thousands of farmers and other Canadians have been raised to a high pitch without there ever having been any possible chance of these hopes being realized.

Those behind the much wanted "deal" have not been shown to have any particular financial standing or any authority to speak for the Russian Government. Their nebulous "offer," if there were anything behind it, would mean the substitution of Russian anthracite for British anthracite in this market. That, of course, would have involved an over breach of the Anglo-Canadian trade agreement reached at the Ottawa Imperial Conference. From this standpoint alone the proposition was simply absurd in its conception.

Another feature of the scheme put forward by people who do not even represent Russia is that Canada's dairy herds are to be robbed of milch cows to build up the Soviet dairy herds and so strike a serious blow at the butter and cheese industry of this Dominion. There is still another catch. The alleged Russian agents stipulate that Russia should ship pulp to the United States in part payment for these Canadian cattle In other words, the Canadian Government would have to be a party to depriving the hard-pressed Canadian paper industry of its best market.

But we have not yet envisaged the most ridiculous features of the visionary Soviet project. The more or less mysterious Soviet agents behind the "deal" are not only asking the Canadian treasury—that is to say the Canadian taxpayer—to guarantee $7,000,000 of Soviet bonds. In addition to this large order, Canada would have to guarantee the Soviet syndicate against any failure on the part of Russia to live up to its part of the bargain. In other words, the alleged Bolshevist agents do not trust their own Government. Incidentally, it has to be repeated that these agents would make a commission of $600,000 if the Canadian authorities were mad enough to go in on such a preposterous transaction, even if it could be carried out—which it could not. The South Sea bubble and the Darien scheme had nothing on this crack-brained adventure.

THE TRADE WITH RUSSIA

Answering the above The Toronto Star says:

An editorial article which must be considered astonishing appeared in the Mail and Empire on Monday describing the proposed cattle-hide-oil deal with Russia as a "Cruel Practical Joke Played upon Canadian Farmers." The article is astonishing because nearly every line of it misinformed all who read it. If the proposed deal contained even ten per cent of the objections described by our morning contemporary nobody would have given it consideration and the Bennett government, instead of keeping silent for weeks on the subject, would have declared itself. But it has not done so. It has waited to see if the newspapers can talk the issue down and out.

Change In Osprey Minutes

In the minutes of Osprey council meeting of last week I missed the following bylaw No. 7. Authorizing the borowing of thirty thousand dollars to meet current expenditures. Also: applications were received from J. A. Davidson and R. Cameron for auditors in error of assessors.

—C. N. LONG, Clerk.

Euchre and dance in Flesherton on February 2nd.

HEALTH by Grant Stenning M.D.

A HEALTH SERVICE OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN CANADA

SLEEP

No one can do without sleep. The amount of sleep required varies greatly, according to the needs of the individual. Rest in bed, apart from sleep, allows for recuperation, provided the person is relaxed and calm, and is not disturbed mentally or physically.

Sleep is a mystery, in that its cause is not known. The fact that several explanations have been offered is evidence that no one theory is fully satisfactory. What we do appreciate is the fact that during sleep the mental and physical wear resulting from the day's work is repaired, with the result that the morning finds the sleeper refreshed.

During sleep the body is relaxed, the rate of breathing is decreased, the heart beats are fewer, blood pressure falls, and there is a general slowing down of body functions. The body is at rest, with the essential functions operating at a rate sufficient for the maintenance of life.

Attention used to be directed to the position in which it was thought that one should sleep. It is not known that the ordinary healthy sleeper changes his position quite frequently during the night. It does not matter what position is assumed upon going to sleep, for it will be changed many times during the night.

It is a mistake to work hard trying to go to sleep. Many persons suffer from insomnia because they go to bed with a firm conviction that they will not sleep. Their worry about not sleeping is the one thing which, more than any other, keeps them awake. If such people would go to bed to relax and realize that it does not matter whether or not they sleep as long as they rest, they would not need to worry about not sleeping; they would sleep.

At this time, attention is directed to the sleeping requirements of school children. During the summer season the regular hour for going to bed is apt to be forgotten; later bed-time is the rule, with extra sleep in the morning. If such is the case, it is important—with the opening of school—to get the child back into the old routine. Children require a great deal of sleep, and that means a regular, early bed-time.

Sleep cannot be bought. It is just as much the property of the poor as of the rich. Like fresh air and sunshine, sleep and rests and requisites of good health, and may be had for the taking. Health is largely the product of our habits of life. One good, healthful habit is to secure sufficient rest.

Questions concerning Health, addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College Street, Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

Elias Lemon Passes

Mr. Elias Lemon, prominent Owen Sound business man, passed away suddenly Monday evening. He was the head of the wholesale firm of Lemon Bros., which amalgamated with the National Grocers five years ago. He was widely known outside his home city and his death is regretted by a large circle of friends.

CASH

FOR YOUR OLD GOLD, SILVER, PLATINUM OR DIAMONDS

YOU POSSIBLY HAVE SOME OLD RINGS, BROOCHES, TEETH FILLINGS, ETC., PUT AWAY IN SOME DRAWER, WHICH YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN. BRING THEM IN AND WE WILL PAY HIGHEST PRICES IN CASH FOR SAME.

W. J. W. Armstrong

Representing a well established Refining Company

Meaford Council

Meaford has at last elected a council to carry on its business for 1933. Mayor E. N. Cooper and Reeve W. F. Riley were elected by acclamation and on Monday the election for Deputy-Reeve and councillors took place. Thos. Randle was elected as Deputy-Reeve over M. E. Ellis by a majority of 750, while the council is composed of F. W. Harding, C. J. Allison, Wm. Champ, Reg. Knight, Robt. Wright and A. E. Hopkin. The latter is a son-in-law of Mr. Thos. Henry of Springhill. A significant fact in the election was the defeat of M. E. Ellis, who was elected as Deputy-Reeve three weeks ago and who failed to qualify within twenty-four hours. Mr. Ellis had defeated F. N. Harding, who is now a member of the council.

INSURANCE RATES TO BE INCREASED

A 2 per cent surcharge will be added to all fire insurance rates beginning March 2, to take care of anticipated additional and present Provincial and Federal taxation, it was announced by the Fire Underwriters' Association, in a notice sent out to insurance brokers. The notice was received by all insurance brokers throughout Ontario, it is said, and states that this means has been decided upon to pass to the insurance buyers a part of th eincrease in taxes, the circular adding that "in conveying this decision to their agents, members of the Association wish to draw special attention to the fact that this surcharge will recoup companies for a proportion only of the burden of taxation now imposed upon them."

Holdfast Club Meeting

The holdfast U.F.W.O. club meeting will be held at the Park House, Flesherton, on Wednesday, February 8th, at 2 p.m. A representative of the Co-operative Creamery will address the meeting. Visitors welcome

ANNUAL REPORT
- of the -
OSPREY MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM
For the year ending 1932

COMMISSIONERS

G. D. SHORT, Chairman E. HAWTON
H. FENWICK, Sec.-Treas.

Miles of poles, January 1, 1932	33
Miles of poles, December 31, 1932	36
Net gain in pole mileage for the year	3
Miles of single wire, January 1, 1932	130
Miles of single wire, December 31, 1932	135
Net gain in wire mileage for the year	5

REVENUE

Subscribers' levies in 1932	$ 1846 58
Non-subscribers' rentals for 1932, collected	59 50
Non-subscribers' rentals for 1932, uncollected	20 00
Bell Telephone Co., long distance calls	269 07
Miscellaneous receipts	197 68
	$ 2392 83

EXPENDITURES

Operators' salaries	$ 766 80
Maintenance or repairs—wages	416 45
Maintenance or repairs—supplies	507 96
Commissioners' salaries	40 50
Secretary-Treasurer's salary	50 00
Other salaries	40 50
Rent, heat and light	80 15
Stationery, printing and postage	52 76
Sundries	245 31
	$ 2200 43
Gross income (operating revenue less operatin g expense	$ 192 40

SURPLUS

Surplus for year	$ 192 40
Surplus December 31, 1931	2094 87
Defaulters on taxes	55 28
Surplus December 31st, 1932	$ 2342 55

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

From Date of By-law for the establishment of the System to December 31st, 1931	
Proceeds of debentures	$15053 77
Subscribers in lieu of debenture payments	278 22
From January 1 to December 31, 1932	
Proceeds of debentures	69 85
Subscribers in lieu of annual instalments	69 85
	$15606 34

DISBURSEMENTS

From Date of By-law for the establishment of the System to December 31st, 1931	
Expended on plant and equipment	$15331 99
Year ending December 31, 1932	
Expended on plant and equipment	274 35
	$15606 34

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Plant and equipment	$15606 34
Tools and vehicles	50 00
Office furniture and fittings	15 00
Subscribers' levies uncollected in previous years and up to December 31st, 1932	55 28
Rentals uncollected in previous years and up to Derember 31st, 1932	45 00
Tolls uncollected in previous years and up to December 31st, 1932	161 59
Material on hand	75 00
Cash in bank or on hand, or due from Township	2287 27
	$18295 48

LIABILITIES

Cash payments by subscribers in lieu of annual levy	$ 348 07
Surplus	2689 14
Debenture principal paid to December 31st, 1932	15258 27
	$18295 48

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the annexed statements of Revenue and Expenses, construction account and balance sheet exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the System's affairs as on December 31st, 1932.

EMERSON WRIGHT, EDGAR BETTS, Auditors.

Dated this 9th day of January, 1933.

BAUER COMBINATION

Shoe & Skate Outfits

AT REAL VALUES

Girls' and Boys' Outfits $3.25, $3,65
Ladies' Outfits $3.25, $4.95
Men's Outfits $3.60 and up

C. C. M. SKATES AND OUTFITS AT THE SAME PRICES YOU PAY ANYWHERE ELSE

SKATES HOCKEY STICKS PUCKS ETC.

Frank W. Duncan

HARDWARE