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SHOULD BE SUPPORTED

This Saturday afternoon the annual meeting of the East Grey Agricultural Society is to be held in Flesherton to re-organize for this year. Last year the fair was dropped for several reasons and there are many who deplored discontinuance of the exhibition. It is to be hoped that the newly formed Board of Trade will take action along this line and try to make a success of the fair, which is an asset for any town to have. Aside from the advantage to the town is that of the farmer who has grain, garden and farm produce and farm stock available for exhibition purposes to bring the resources of their particular district before the people. In the past the fair has sponsored field crop competitions in an effort to improve the quality of grain, which was, in many instances, shown at the fall fair. All of the Canadian winners have at one time shown at the fall exhibitions of their locality and then attempted to improve the strain to be shown at larger fairs. There is always plenty of room for improvement in the grain crops, but the winners of championships have been rewarded for the long hours spent in seed selection. They have all started with the small fair which is the reason why we think that the small fair should not go out of existence. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members of the fair, farmers of the district and village business men to revive the East Grey fair and once again establish it as one of the best fairs of Grey County.

BARNACLES

All newspapers are handicapped with a few subscribers who are classed as dead beats by the publishers. For instance there are subscribers (?) who will take the paper as long as the publisher will send it to him. When pressed too hard for payment he will brazenly announce that he does not want the paper any longer and refuses payment without advancing any excuse. We have a list of six of these dead beats, but think we have our lists pretty well cleared up of these barnacles. We have been scrubbing and scraping our hull lately. We are thankful that they are so few, in number, and also very thankful that so many of our valued subscribers have renewed promptly without waiting for us to send them a bill.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Several Jewish merchants in Walkerton have been forced to close their doors during the past week. It is a coincident that the German element to a large extent comprise the population of the Bruce County town. Is Hitler's anti-Jewish program reaching out to include Walkerton?

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Walter Lippman, the author, warns us not to be dazzled with the glitter of gold. We have no misgivings on this score. There has been no gold around here since the depression began, but, bless you, we will be glad to receive payment of all accounts due us in good Canadian bills—yes, in silver coinage of the realm, if more convenient.

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A college professor of economics in the United States argues that if the present trend of depopulation in that country continues, by 1970 there will be no children at all! These gloomy prognosticators are always trying to scare the populace. So long as the human race is constituted as it is, there will always be a substantial portion of the race ready and willing to obey the injunction to be "fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth." Just now, the fearful ones are fearful that too few children will be produced. A comparatively short time since, Malthus was alarming Britain with his statistics intended to show that the Motherland was producing population at such a rate that starvation was practically imminent as the population was fast reaching the time when the food supply would be altogether inadequate. At that time the population was about ten millions; now it is over four times as great. And still the race remains virile and manages to progress even in these after-great-war days, with their resultant evil results.

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What a versatile chap the Prince of Wales is. He has learned to play the bagpipes, and it is said he can now screw them, and "gar them skirl" with a finish that would have warmed the heart of the poet Burns. We learn that at first His Royal Highness was not very sure of his power to manipuate the chanter, but somehow his curious little royal nieces, Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret wormed themselves into a "practice," and they, as might be expected, "let the cat out of the bag," to their great delight and the amusement of court circles.

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The question of how to maintain peace throughout the world continues to exercise the nations. Almost every one is now agreed that war is ever an evil, that once entered on and whether or not fought to a finish, the winner, as well as the loser, is bound to suffer. But how easily in the past have rival nations drifted into a conflict of arms. Then it has been "My country, right or wrong." Nelson, Britain's national hero, addressing the House of Lords on November 16, 1802, declared: "I, my Lords, in different countries have seen much of the miseries of war. I am therefore in my inmost soul a man of peace. Yet I would not for the sake of any peace, however fortunate, consent to sacrifice one jot of England's honor." When angry nations face one another in battle array past history has shown how free the translation of "honor" has been. Better far to devise means for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

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The resolution of growers of fruit in this province to make war on the starlings will be commended by very many producers throughout the country. We were accustomed to believe that the robin and the pesky sparrow were unwelcome and destructive appropriators of fruits and vegetables, but the starling takes first rank in causing heavy loss to the growers. In one district, last summer, a grower had twenty-seven trees loaded with sweet cherries on a Friday, but they were a little too green for picking. Returning on Monday to pick the fruit, he found the starlings had beaten him to the orchard and not a cherry was left. This experience is typical of the ravages of these pests. They must be combatted with vigor, if their ravages are to be stopped.

FOOLING WITH GUNS

One of the most dangerous weapons that a person can handle is a gun that is not loaded. Last week the newspapers recorded an accident that showed the folly of carelessly handling a firearm that was supposed to be unloaded. A boy was busy in his home polishing up his rifle, when his mother, in a joke, held up her hand and asked her son if he could hit it. He acceded to his mother's request and she is now nursing a hand, through which a bullet passed, breaking one of the bones. Neither of them knew that the gun was loaded. The lesson is obvious. Do not leave any weapons around the house unless you are positive they are not loaded, unless you expect that burglars will make a call. Never point a gun whether loaded or not, at yourself or any other person, unless it be a robber. Never fool with a gun, or allow any one else to do so.

A right example is the best legacy.

Was At Fort Churchill

Mr. Cecil Cairns of Wadena, Sask., is at present visiting with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Crossley, and brother Jack. Cecil is employed as a telegraph operator by the Canadian National Railway, but is off work at the present. During the past summer he was stationed at Churchill, the new Canadian port on Hudson Bay, which is only commencing to receive the recognition it deserves. Thirteen freighters visited the port during the past year, bringing cargoes and departing with grain and a trial shipment of cattle. Cecil says that the country around Churchill is very uninviting, consisting mostly of muskeg which stretches for scores of miles. At one time during his stay there he saw a migration of caribou that would number close to five thousand head, he figured. He also saw a fine large polar bear skin that had been shot on an ice flow and which would weigh close of 1400 pounds.

The winters are so severe that very few people remain, only those who operate the power house, the missionaries, station agent and a few trappers. He also informs us that there is a heavy snowfall during the winter and drifts twenty feet high were piled in front of the station last winter.

Cecil is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cairns of Wadena, Sask., and has been with the Canadian National Railway eight years, joining the Company when 16 years old. He has developed into a fast operator, taking after his father who was considered one of the best. We were pleased to see Cecil again and wish him the best of success.

HAY MARKETING

Hay marketing in Western Ontario was very quiet in December but much improvement in the situation is expected before spring. The principal movement this season has been by motor truck to the larger centres such as Toronto and gradually the hay supply within trucking distance of these centres is being reduced. Nearly all the second-cut alfalfa has already been marketed for alfalfa meal manufacturing purposes and the first cut is now being sold rapidly for the same purpose. A shortage of hay and also of feed grain is expected in Western Ontario before spring if the extreme winter weather continues.

Current prices being paid growers are: for No. 2 timothy $5.50 to $6 per ton; mixed hay $4.50 to $5.25; alfalfa 2nd cut $9 to $10, 1st cut $7 to $8; oat straw $3 to $3.50 and wheat straw $3.25 to $3.75 per ton.

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