HAVE YOU HEARD

Scribbler—Writing puns is a serious proposition for Jokesmith these days.

Dotter—What's the matter? Did he sell some?

Scribbler—No, but he broke one of his ribs laughing over one of the jokes he wrote.

It won't be very long till the frost is on the pumpkin and the sleeves of last year's topcoat prove to be as frayed as we feared they would be.

Hiram Henpeck—Me and my wife are going to the West Indies.

Next Door Neighbor—Jamaica?

Hiram Henpeck—Naw, she made me.

Helping with the dishes all summer has more to do with wanting to rush back to college in the fall than the desire for a higher education.

Sourdough—I warned Billy that that girl would play the deuce if he married her.

Shadbelly—Well, did she?

Sourdough — Yes. Haven't you heard? They've got twins.

A farmer with hay fever this fall is in a heck of a shape. He needs a frost to stop the fever, and needs a frost free fall for his crops.

Tommy—Say, dad, how much am I worth to you?

Dad—All I have in the world, Tommy.

Tommy—Well, could you let me have a quarter in advance?

Geometry would be one of the most interesting studies in the high school curriculum if it could show where the fullback should bisect the line and the best angle at which a halfback should run.

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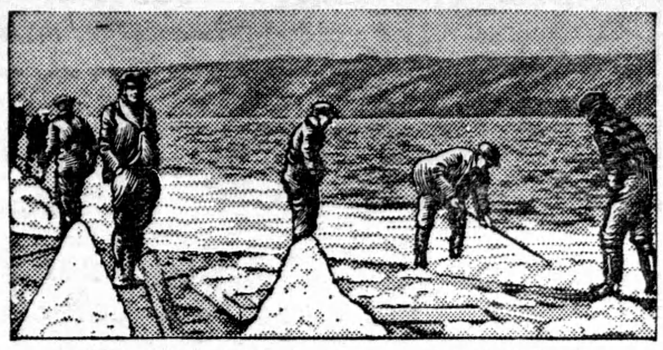

Harvesting In Saskatchewan At 20 Below!

Just about the middle of December, one of the most unique and interesting annual harvests to be garnered on the North American Continent will be in full swing. No! Not wheat — but Mineral Salts. The scene will be Little Manitou Lake, Watrous Saskatchewan. The harvesters will be the employees of the Department of Natural Resources of Saskatchewan; and the harvest itself will consist of the tiny crystals of mineral salt which form in Little Manitou Lake each year at "freeze-up." It is one of the essential conditions that the harvest be completed within a period of ten days. When the Prairie winter comes in real earnest, and the thermometer shivers down to 20 below zero, the Departmental men, warmly attired, and wearing waist-high rubber boots, gather up these crystals with specially constructed shovels, and store them in the Government warehouse at Watrous, from where they are later distributed. The medicinal qualities of this saline lake, known for many years, are becoming more and more widely recognized, and as a consequence these harvesting operations are assuming ever-increasing proportions, and the Lake is proving to be one of the Province's most important natural resources.

Canada's Trade With United Kingdom

Monthly Bulletin of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain.

Canada has first place in the British market in imports of wheat in the first six months of 1935 with 16,214,262 cwt., Argentine being second with 14,702,776, Australia third with 9,221,482, and Roumania fourth with 353,886.

Canada was third in barley with 1,453,938 cwt. out of a total of 1,654,377. Imports on oats by Great 473 in the same period two years ago, but the requirements from Canada have increased from 695,201 cwt.

Canada was first in wheat-flour with 1,946,346 cwt., Australia being second with 773,287, France third with 577,205, and Italy fourth with 224,741.

Canada was second in the total of grain and flour with a value of of grain and flour with a value of £7,787,902, Argentine being first with £8,848,163, Australia third with £3,072,733, and France fourth with £1,340,932.

Canada was second in cattle with 6,124 head.

Canada was second in bacon with 535,918 cwt.

Canada was second in hams with 104,891 cwt., the United States being first with 213,608, and Poland third with 9,708. Imports from the United States have been decreasing, but those from Canada have been increasing.

Canada was second in apples with 900,867 cwt., Australia being first with 1,275,722, the United States third with 780,790, and New Zealand fourth with 277,480.

Canada was first in lobsters with 9,753 cwt., out of a total of 11,012.

Canada was second with unmanufactured tobacco with 5,984,714 pounds.

Canada was first in copper ore with 8,723 tons, Spain being second with 1,429.

Canada was second in wood and timber with £1,900,696.

Canada was second in hides and skins with a value of £918,851, the United States being first with £1,486,420.

Canada was second in unwrought copper with 26,879 tons, United States being first with 28,130. In the two previous years Canada was far ahead of all other countries with that commodity.

Canada was second in pig lead with 47,292 tons, Australia being first with 92,028, British India third with 24,050, and Mexico fourth with 8,350.

Canada was first in crude zinc with 48,222 tons, Belgium being second with 12,139, Australia third with 5,975.

Canada was first in the total of non-ferrous metals and manufactures with a value of £3,139,484, Chile being second with £1,925,374, Australia third with £1,302,583, Northern Rhodesia fourth with £1,246,188, and United States fifth with £1,181,057.

Canada was third in machinery with a value of £418,369; the United States being first with £2,959,420. Germany was second with £1,759,767.

Canada was first in patent leather with 6,288 cwt., the United States second with 2,458, Germany third with 520.

Canada was second in newsprint with 783,788 cwt., Newfoundland being first with 982,691, Finland third with 690,101, Norway fourth with 272,389.

Canada was fourth in the total of paper with a value of £693,611, Sweden being first with £1,325,239, Germany second with £842,906, Finland third with £751,989.

Canada was first in rubber manufacturers with a value of £287,978, Germany second with £108,467, United States third with £82,293, Japan fourth with £18,974.

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Tribute to a nameless construction worker who gave his life during the building of the C. P. R. through Northern Ontario was paid by Sudbury Boy Scouts while camping this summer. The boys erected a cross, and using the legal name for an unknown person, added the inscription: "John Doe, who gave his life in the upbuilding of Canada. Erected by the Boy Scouts."

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Nearly 5,000 Wolf Cubs, Boy Scouts and Rovers took part in the annual Scout parade this year on the closing day of the Toronto fair. The boys marched through the Prince's Gate to the Grand Plaza, where they were reviewed and addressed by Lieut.-Gov. Bruce.

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As usual many hundreds of boys were taught swimming at the camp of the 1st Smooth Rock Falls Troop, Ont. A dozen boys learned to swim, four Wolf Cubs passed the Cub swimming test, two Scouts won the Swimmer's Badge and three Scouts passed the exacting test for the Rescuer's Badge.

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As a district event Border Cities Scouts started the new season with a big Scout rally at Sheul's bush and a Cub rally a week later at Amherstburg.

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Further reports of American Boy Scouts visiting Canada this year include a party of 32 Illinois Scouts at Halifax, New England Scouts at Montreal and Oregon Scouts at Winnipeg and Victoria, B. C. The American lads originally had planned to attend the cancelled Washington Jamboree.

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A first aid kit found new use in the hands of boys of the 1st Chesterville Scout Troop on their way home from the summer camp. Investigation of motor trouble revealed that the motor fan had cut through the rubber hose of the colling system losing the water. Out came the first aid kit, there was a good job with adhesive tape, fresh water for the radiator, and the truck was away with little delay.

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Mr. A. G. MacKinnon, K.C., recently appointed District Court Judge at Shaunavon, Sask., is Scoutmaster of the 17th Regina Troop, of Holy Rosary Cathedral, a member of the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association, and Chairman of the provincial Board of Honour, which deals with appointments of Scout leaders and awards for Scout acts of gallantry and outstanding service.

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Seven teams of Rover Scouts representing the 4th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th and 33rd Rover crews took part in this summer's annual Winnipeg Rover 24-Hour Hike Competition. The contest includes hiking equipment carried, the making of maps and notes, details of the overnight camp site and conditions of site after use.

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Vaudeville In New York

(New York Times)

Vaudeville's diminishing realm in this city is now cut in two. Of eight theatres which have been showing the old-style variety along with movies, four theatres have gone over to straight pictures. The scholastics of the amusement business make a distinction between vaudeville and "stage shows." If the latter are included the eclipse is a little less complete, but it is a sad enough decline at best.

And yet it is the case here as with so many other conquests. The pictures and the radio, which have so nearly made an end of vaudeville, have assimilated perhaps its two principal features.

Acrobats and trained animals and magic counted for a good deal, but the backbone of a vaudeville program was the comedy teams and the dancing. Radio has taken over the comedians, and any night they may be heard asking each other the questions and springing the answers they used to work 25 years ago. Movies have taken over the dancing.

Ecstasy

From the French of Victor Hugo

Under a night of stars I stood alone
beside the sea,
No cloud o'erspread the glowing
Heavens, no sail shone luminously,
And far beyond the bounds of earth
my searching vision pressed
To learn the secrets Nature holds
safe-guarded in her breast,
The mountains, woods, the silvery
stars—the soft surge of the
sea—
All seemed to speak of some strange
Power that ruled their destiny.
I asked the stars, infinite hosts, those
glittering points of gold
That through the boundless tracts
of Heaven eternally have rolled,
And to the swelling waves I spoke,
with white and curling crests,
To gain the secret of that force
naught hinders nor arrests—
And in the voice harmonious, sweet,
all spoke in glad accord
Saying, "It is from One Divine—the
Mighty Sovereign Lord!"

Alice Kathryn Gould.

Smith Falls, Ont.

HEATING HINTS
by James Stewart

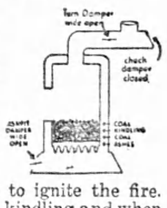
BUILDING a fire is a very simple job but, as in everything else, there is a right and wrong way of doing it. From my experience, the quickest and easiest way to light a fire is this:

First of all, if there is a layer of ashes on the grates, leave it there. About two inches of ashes on the grates help a lot.

Then spread about two inches of coal uniformly over the ashes.

On top of this fresh coal put a good charge of kindling, consisting of newspapers and light wood.

Be sure that the Turn Damper in the smoke-pipe and the Ashpit Damper are wide open and the Check Damper closed. This will create the strong draft which is needed to ignite the fire.



Now light the kindling and when it is burning freely, slowly add more coal. The kindling will ignite the fresh coal both above and below it, and you can then add more coal and thus quickly build up a good deep fire.

Occasionally you may find, when the kindling wood begins to burn, that smoke starts coming out through the crevices around the furnace doors. This is due to the fact that the chimney, being cold, does not provide sufficient draft to carry off the smoke. This condition can be quickly remedied by opening wide the slide in the fire door—or by partially or entirely closing the ashpit damper—or by a combination of the two. (1)

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What "Main Street" Represents

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And Sinclair Lewis's "Main Street" gave too many city folk an unwarranted sense of superiority over those who live in small towns.

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Ponder that fact. Sixty-nine of every hundred retail sales are made not by the big departmental stores; not by mail order houses in big cities; not by the chain stores.

They are made over the counters of stores on the corners of country cross-roads, on the Main Streets of our villages, towns and cities. And the owners of those stores are individual citizens, not corporations.

They are Main. They are essential to results in merchandising; they are momentous in consequences.

As a people we have been too ready to think that it is size that counts; that power always must lie in concentration.

Manufacturers, mesmerized by Mass Buying, have too often neglected to enquire into the importance of the well-established independent dealer; the buying importance of the community he serves.

"Remember the Maine" once roused the United States to patriotic fervor.

"Remember Main Street" can show results too.—Maclean's Magazine.

RETURNS FROM EXPEDITION

"When tunnies refuse to bite, or the weather is too rough to go after these giant fish, have a little revolver practice by shooting at porpoises," says Mr. W. W. Dowding, the young British sportsman, who returned to Scarborough after a tunny-fishing expedition on which he caught a 484-pounder. "Porpoises," says Mr. Dowding, "are very numerous, more numerous than tunny at times, and it is great sport taking potshots at them. It is just about impossible to get a porpoise to take bait on a line. The only way to kill them, is to shoot them, in which case you have very little chance of landing the fish, or of harpooning them, which is very difficult indeed." —Scarborough Evening News and Daily Post.

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