Rivalry Improves Farmers' Produce

Says Ontario Minister of Agriculture—Animals and Produce Should Be Compared With Those From Other Districts

The only way to improve the quality of agricultural produce is to "bring them in contrast with the articles grown in various districts," Hon. P. M. Dewan, minister of agriculture for Ontario, said in opening the Belleville fair.

"The farmer, by comparing his animals and produce with others, will attempt to improve his breed and grow better produce next year," Mr. Dewan told the fair directors at the official banquet.

"There is a sincere effort on the part of all fairs being held this year to raise the standards above last year. The Ontario government is aiding all those fairs that are making a sincere effort to raise up their standards. Exhibitions should make an attempt to succeed financially without the aid of racketeer midways. The provincial police are now working to clear up all the racketeers in these midways.

"Education of the farmers, especially young men and women, is the only way by which agriculture will improve. The young people must be educated to combat the large firms and organizations that are buying up all the produce of the farm at low prices. If this continues the farmer will not be able to make a decent living."

Have Expensive Tastes

Strange grasshopper stories are being told in Saskatchewan these days. This was a worn, but perfect $1 bill, when Buster Truker happened to drop it from his pocket while stooking wheat on his farm near Craik. He discovered the loss four hours later, hunted until he found the spot he dropped it. The bill was covered with grasshoppers when Buster picked it up. They had eaten big pieces out as can be seen. A 'hopper is seen in the palm of one hand.

Sharp Increase In Freight on Lakes

Bigger Western Crops To Boost Activity of Shippers

SARNIA.—A sharp increase in the number of lake vessels in operation was reported in Marine circles here, with the added expectation that fall movement of vessels will at least be on a par with last year. A number of extra freighters are being placed in the grain-carrying trade in view of the bigger Western crops which are being moved to the Head of the Lakes.

Tree Line Navigation Company officials said several of their ships will shift from the package freight to the grain business. Three freighters which have been tied up here for some weeks expect to get moving orders.

A great improvement in steel and iron ore shipping has also been noticed in the last few weeks. This increase is mainly due to the pick-up in the automobile trade, it is stated.

Work Of Artist Even Fools Rats

Royal Steadman, who for 23 years has made models and pictures for the United States Department of Agriculture files and bulletins, said last week that one of his paintings was so lifelike it fooled even the rats. "I finished a painting of an apple, cut in half and showing seeds exposed," Steadman said. "I put it on a window sill to dry. The next morning I found it on the floor with tracks of rats over it and the painted seeds eaten off."

Noel Coward is trying to provide better movie shows aboard ship for the British Navy.

Both part of the Canadian National Exhibition spectacle, the milling crowd of pleasure-seekers along the fair's midway at Exhibition City of Toronto, and the prize Hereford bull, present a striking contrast. His Highness (at the right) got quite a bit of attention from agriculturally-minded visitors himself; at the moment he seems to be surveying the crowds, amusing themselves in other ways, rather grimly.

Discover Mound Near Wingham

Find Interests Historians—May Be Work of Prehistoric Mound Builders

What is expected to be an important find, from the standpoint of historical interest, in west Wawanosh Township, Huron County, near Wingham, will in all likelihood be brought to the attention of proper authorities for an investigation. The find is a large mound of earth believed to be the work of the Mound Builders.

Located near the site of an old Indian camp, near the famous Mud Lake, the mound, although in a swamp, is made of clay. This also strengthens the belief that the clay has been carried for some distance to build the mound. It is almost seventy yards around the mound, which rises in the centre to a height of fourteen or fifteen feet. On top of the mound there are two stumps of trees, which by their appearance have been cut for at least 500 years. In size they are larger than any known in the country.

Farmers in the neighborhood often speak of finding Indian relics in plowing, and older residents do state that in the days of the early settlement the farm on which the mound is located and now owned by Albert E. Johnson, was the location of an Indian camp.

Ship Leaves Men On Arctic Ice

CHURCHILL, Man., The motor ship Therese reported last week she was just south of the Arctic Circle in Foxe Chanel.

The ice that had held the ship captive for several days had opened up somewhat and presence of open water around the Therese was allowing its crew to get some rest after many anxious watches.

Overcast skies and intermittent showers kept Father Paul Schulte, the flying priest, from making any further surveys of ice conditions from the air. He had been attempting to find a clear path through the ice for the Therese.

Experienced in Arctic Life

Patrick Baird and Reynald Bray, Arctic explorers travelling on the Therese, were landed on an island off Cape Wilson as the ship drifted past the point. When the Therese is able to break through for a scheduled stop at Igloolik, N. W. T., it was thought probable the men would be picked up again there.

No concern was felt for them in the event the Therese was unable to reach Igloolik. It was explained the men were experienced in the Arctic life and "well able to look after themselves."

Farmers of Bruce Form "Junk Pool"

Organized, They Get Profitable Return for Selves Instead Of Peddlers

Something new by way of a "wrinkle" was disclosed in Wingham, as five Bruce county farmers received word of their "junk pool." The purpose of the co-operative organization was to make as much money as possible from the scrap iron and junk which accumulates around a farm. For the past few months they have been gathering up the crap iron and other metal waste on their farms.

Shipped Scrap to the City

When they had a truckload, they shipped it to Toronto on a hired truck. Batteries, scrap iron, parts of an old steam engine, implements and even feathers were all bundled up and shipped. Returns saw each of them getting over $10 after the trucking costs were paid.

Reluctant to allow names to be used, in such a way as to be named as organizers of "junk pools," they did say, "we are sick and tired of junk dealers coming along and offering 25 and 50 cents for a whole pile of crap iron. We used to take it and be glad to get the stuff off the farm. Now we are determined that if they can make money at it, so can we."

Classroom Fodder Supply Decreasing

Educator Declares That Liberal Arts Colleges Everywhere Are Facing a Crisis

Liberal arts colleges everywhere are facing a crisis, Dr. George B. Cutten, president of Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., said at a convocation held in connection with Acadia University's centennial celebration, Wolfville, N.S.

Causes of the crisis were an inadequate supply of "classroom fodder," due in part to a sharply declining birth rate, the growing popularity of junior colleges and a falling off of personal contributions available for privately endowed institutions, the Acadia graduate said. These factors were making the maintenance of liberal arts colleges in the United States difficult and their future uncertain.

Trend Towards Practical

Added to this was the general modern trend toward a "practical type of education such as that afforded by courses in engineering, business and agriculture." Dr. Cutten said "the pinch for raw materials in the form of students" was a condition that obtained despite the fact that "never before in the United States and probably never again will there be so many prospective students 18 years of age, as about the year 1940."

He believed the declining birth rate and limitation of immigration would leave a much smaller number of students for universities to bid for by 1980. "Already there are 1,000,000 fewer children in the first five grades of American public schools than there were in 1924."

VOICE OF THE PRESS

CANADA

"WIDER STILL AND WIDER"

A year ago there was a rift between Premier Hepburn and Mr. King, a few months ago it became a gulf, now it is a chasm. — St. Catharines Standard.

GOOD BATTING AVERAGE

Police record in the town of Leamington for the past month shows 25 prosecutions and 25 convictions. And even in the big leagues they do not bat that way.

IN OPPOSITION TO RENO

Now the thing has been started, under the auspices of Hon. Harry Nixon, of allowing a marriage of outsiders to take place at Callander that place may ultimately become as popular for unions as Reno is for divorces.—Brantford Expositor.

THE AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE

Premier Hepburn has been paying public tribute to the assistance he, as a farmer, has received from the district agricultural representative stationed at St. Thomas. These officials do render a fine type of service to agriculture and the people engaged in it which does not always receive the recognition which is its due.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

PATHS ON HIGHWAYS

A great deal of highway building has been and is being done, but not much provision has been made for pedestrians or cyclists. In other countries, when highways are built, so also are footpaths for the pedestrians and in some lands, lanes also are made for the use of cyclists. Probably if that were done here, it would reduce highway accidents and restore the pleasure we once enjoyed of walking in the country, now possible only at the cost of being ready at any instant to jump into a ditch whether it is filled with water or not.—Niagara Falls Review.

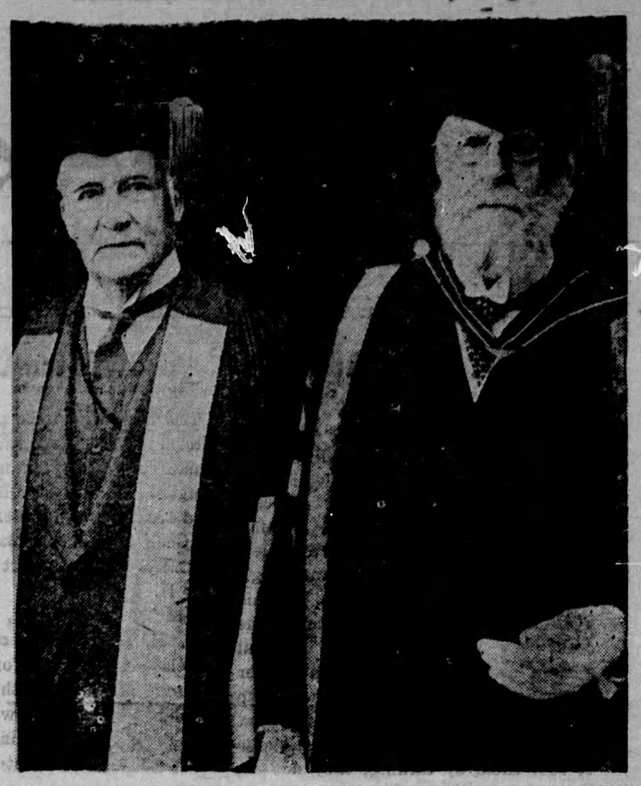
YOUNG PEOPLE OUT OF WORK

An Ottawa despatch announces that 240,000 young men in the cities and towns of Canada still are searching for something to do. Of these 70,000 between the ages of 16 and 29 have never had jobs, and it is claimed that one-third of them are on relief. It is specified that this estimates does not include rural youth, who "have been unable to strike out for themselves, and have been compelled to stay on the home farm." But isn't that one of the chief aims of providing work; getting young people on the land, even if there be little remuneration? Better have farm boys familiar with the work helping in agriculture than sending to the farmers help that knows nothing of what has to be done. These days it is a fortunate youth who has a home farm on which to work and be assured of a reasonably good living. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

FARMING'S NO CHILD'S PLAY

It would come as a shock to unthinking city dwellers to know what a variety of knowledge a successful farmer must include in his equipment before he can so much as begin to farm. He must be a chemist, a carpenter, a weather prophet, a farrier, a water diviner, a blacksmith, a doctor, a wheelwright, a bookkeeper, a veterinary surgeon, a bricklayer, a mechanic, a thatcher or tiler, a plasterer, and something of a linguist. When he has assimilated a sound working knowledge of these trades and professions the farmer may turn his attention to extracting the best from his lands. — Johannesburg Times.

Canadian-Born Peer Gets Varsity Degree



Viscount Greenwood, Canadian-born peer who graduated from University of Toronto 43 years ago, and later became a member of the Imperial cabinet and of the House of Lords, came back to his Alma Mater to receive an honorary LL.D. degree. The peer is pictured, left, with Sir William Mulock, veteran jurist and chancellor of the University, following the bestowal of the degree at special convocation.

Says Horses Will Never be Replaced

Leamington Harnessmaker Undisturbed by Advent Of Motors

The automobile, symbol of progress, will never displace the horse entirely, Herbert Freeland, 75-year-old harnessmaker of Leamington, Ont., maintains.

Since he was nine years old, Mr. Freeland has made harness or farmed. For well over half a century the Leamington man has seen horses engaged in farm and other work. He has watched the increasing use of automobiles and tractors. Still he believes confidently that there will always be harness shops. Moreover, he holds, "The harness business is a better business today than it was 50 years ago by 25 per cent."

Increase In Past 3 Years

"I remember the panic after the Civil War in the United States. For years after there were harnessmakers in every town making a harness, for which we'd get $75 today. Then, we got about $32," he said.

As proof of his contention that horses are holding their own against the inroads of automobiles, and are even coming back into their former popularity the Leamington harnessmaker cited figures.

In the Leamington district, he said, 1,500 horses had been bought during the past three years. These were purchased in addition to the animals already engaged by farmers.

"A few years ago everybody had a tractor. Today it's cheaper for horses; at least that's what they tell me," he added.

Nearly 250,000 "velomoteurs," or baby cars, have been sold in Germany in the last five years.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred NEHER

"The one with the nipple on is Junior's"

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

As they heard the terrible beast speak, Aunt Em and Uncle Henry were both startled and then Uncle Henry remembered that this must be the Lion of which Dorothy had spoken. "Hold on, Em!" he exclaimed. "Quit the conquest and take courage. I guess this is the Cowardly Lion Dorothy has told us about." "Oh, is it?" she asked, relieved. "When he spoke I got the idea, and when he looked so ashamed I was sure," Uncle Henry continued.

Aunt Em regarded the animal with new interest. "Are you the Cowardly Lion?" she inquired. "Are you Dorothy's friend?" "Yes, ma'am," answered the Lion, meekly. "Dorothy and I are old chums and are very fond of each other. I am the King of Beasts, you know, and the Hungry Tiger and I serve Princess Ozma as her personal body guards." "To be sure," said Aunt Em, nodding. "But the King of Beasts should not be cowardly."

"I've heard that said before," remarked the Lion, yawning until he showed his two great rows of sharp white teeth; "but that does not keep me from being frightened whenever I go into battle. "What do you do, run?" asked Uncle Henry. "No, that would be foolish, for the enemy would run after me," declared the Lion. "So I tremble with fear and pitch in as hard as I can. So far I have always won my fights."

"Were you scared when I looked at you just now?" inquired Aunt Em. "Terribly," answered the Lion, "for at first I thought you were going to have a fit. The human eye is a fearful weapon," he continued, scratching his nose very softly with his paw to hide a sly smile. "Had I not known you were Dorothy's friends I might have torn you both into shreds." At this both Aunt Em and Uncle Henry shuddered and said a hasty good-bye.