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EDITORIAL NOTES

Only three more weeks until Santa Claus will pay his yearly visit and gladden the hearts of little boys and girls. On the other hand it is a time when mother and father, in many homes, can ill afford to do much towards making the Christmas one of great joy for their little ones. While the dreams of many little ones will be realized there will be many whose stockings will be empty on Christmas morning.

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Seventy million dollars are extracted from the pockets of the Canadian taxpayers annually to pay the employees of the Canadian Government. The addition of the costs of administering provincial and municipal governments, added to this federal huge total, constitutes a problem in administration costs in Canada, which should be regarded as staggering, if thoughtful citizens were willing to visualize its magnitude.—Huntsville Forester.

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Reeve John A. Davis of Artemesia has excellent prospects of becoming the next Warden of Grey County, succeeding Warden H. A. McCauley of Flesherton. Reeve Davis has been chairman this year of the finance committee of the County Council and is well qualified for the postion. We wish him all success in his quest for higher honors. If he receives the honor we believe he will be the youngest Warden in the history of Grey County.

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The small attendance of ratepayers of both Artemesia township and Flesherton at the nomination meetings on Friday is to be regretted. Either the citizens are satisfied with the work of the councillors and have faith in their ability to conduct affairs in a business-like manner or else they are indolent and are not caring who is nominated at the meeting. One thing that will bring out a large attendance is the prospect of a good tongue lashing for somebody at these yearly meetings. Both Artemesia and Flesherton have been blessed with good local governments and not much fault can be found in their work. There is no evidence of graft as in other governments and if so the people would be quick to spot any such actions. Their answer to such actions would be noticed at the next nomination day.

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The question of fire brigades assisting at fires in other municipalities has been a subject of contention in many places during the past few months. The Collingwood Council collects $100 for each fire it attends outside the town limits, while the town of Meaford absolutely forbids the brigade from answering fire calls from outside. The village of Flesherton receives $25.00 from Artemesia Council for each fire call it answers anywhere in the township, but the equipment is not to go any further than five miles either side of the village. The ratepayers in the towns or villages purchased the fire fighting equipment for their own protection and when it is away their own property is without fire protection of any kind. It would not be fair for any other municipality to use the equipment without paying for it, but at the same time it would be hard refuse assistance when the fire might be extinguished with the cnemical, and property saved. We believe that the solution of the difficulty between Flesherton and Artemesia is a good one and satisfactoy to both parties.

At The Horse Show

By I. H. P.

The Govenor General, no doubt, enjoyed the horse show even though tradition required His Excellency to do a lot of things which tradition couldn't get along without. With the exact, measured, traditional tread he walked out on the crimson hall runner into the show ring and inspected the long thin scarlet lines of soldiers whose tall furry busby caps threatened at any minute to shut out the expressionless faces beneath. We, knowing nothing of soldiering, would have thought that their faces were more worthy of inspection. But that done, His Excellency settled down to enjoy the performances of the magnificent animals in the ring.

We had loyally seen him through the traditional requirements, including the candid camera flashlights, and could now leave for 'a stroll around the narrow enclosure which separated the bulls from the box seats containing the dowagers and debutantes.

We always liked cows and horses but we had seen lots of them for we had been reared in the country. So with our usual hankering for strange sights, we looked up in the boxes at the dudes and would-be-dukes. They were most amusing. Being first attracted by the blazing colors of men in pink coats and immaculate white bow ties, sitting as stolidly as boy babies with bibs on, we became interested. We asked a Chilean horseman in a sombre colored uniform what the pink decorations meant. "No spik Englaise," he said. But we thought by his amused look that he just was-not asking for any international complications. Then we asked another fellow in a different uniform but of the same quiet color. "Me Mexican —No spik English." Then he said something to the Chilean. They both looked up at the pink patch above them and laughed a little. We sneaked away along the narrow circling enclosure until we were stopped by the familiar smell of cows. 'We buttonholed the fellow in overalls and pointed to another box. "Member of Hunt Club" he kindly explained, then he loosened up a bit more "twenty-nine thousand back taxes going to be sold out at tax sale," he whispered. That pink frocked gentleman was, after all, none other than a big financial magnate just as we suspected. We felt like a nickel. You can always buttonhole overalls but Gee you got to be careful buttonholing brocade It might contain a general or even a Hunt Club member.

We looked up again at the immaculate white bow ties separating the silk toppers from the sack cloth and ashes. They must be the ones who had paid their taxes. 'We don't know what sack cloth and ashes look like, but sack cloth and ashes, we presume would be cut in the form of men's opera coats for simplicity. We don't know anything for sure. We continue presuming a bit more until we look into the ring at the bulls and the cows and the horses—so knowing and intelligent looking.

'What a magnificent sight the buffaloes on the virgin prairie must have been. Of course there couldn't have been any back taxes owing to make others jealous. They all went to the picnic together whether it was in the wilds of Wyoming or the North West Territories They didn't have to worry about trade treaties or what dictators did in Europe, or whether to travel tourist or pullman. They could just hump along, knowing that their leaders would be eating the same food when they arrived, as the rest of the herd.

When George McCullagh of the Globe and Mail came out on his beautful hunting horse, with a grin from ear to ear, we were afraid that someone was taking our George for a double ride. George McCullagh has made himself too valuable a Canadian to risk his neck on jumping horses. We remembered nervously our own experience on a very much wider horse. When it startd to trot we excitedly pulled the wrong string and it ran off on the bumpy ground at the side of the road. Right away we got jiggled off its back. 'Was George expecting to hang on while his horse jumped over those gates? Oh Horrors. We couldn't look until after but there sat George complacently smiling from ear to ear. He must have been out practising in the back pasture without our knowing.

We wouldn't have written you this week only we ought to tell you if you see George coming down your sideroad on his dandy horse to visit you, you don't need to bother rushing down the lane to open the big gate. George's horse will hop over it like nothing and there will be George with a smile from ear to ear.

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Choice weighty steers brought from 6.00 to 6.50; fair to good 5.50 to 6.00. In the butcher section choice steers and heifers sold at from 5.50 to 5.75; fair to good 5.00 to 5.50; common to medium 4.25 to 4.75. Choice baby beeves were in good demand at from 8.00 to 9.00; medium from 6.00 to 7.50. The stocker trade was active and steady best kind from 4.75 to 5.25; medium from 4.25 to 4.75. The cow trade was active and steady, choice fat cows from 3.75 to 4.00, with a few choice heifery cows up to 4.50; fair to good butcher cows 3.25 to 3.75; common to medium 2.75 to 3.25; canners and cutters 2.35 to 2.65. Choice butcher bulls brought from 4.00 to 4.50; good heavy bolognas 3.75 to 4.00; light kind 3.40 to 3.65.

The lamb market was active and stronger, choice lambs selling at 8.50, with those of medium to good quality at 8.25. Choice butcher sheep sold from 4.00 to 4.50. Calves were in strong demand with choice from 10.00 to 10.50; fair to good from 8.50 to 9.50; commn to medium 5.50 to 7.00.

The hog market held about steady on Monday with truck deliveries selling from 8.25 to 8.40. The prospects for the balance of the week look steady depending largely upon supplies. The present price of hogs is considerably out of line so far as overseas' shipments are concerned and it is only because of a good local trade on the open market that prices are as high as they are, as they usually work lower at this time of year.

The suggestion was made at a gathering of educationists that the government should pay the entire cost of schooling. Now there is an idea worth exploring and the exploration leads to the belief that if the government paid the bill it would proceed to take the money from the people and that is the way school costs and all else are paid now.

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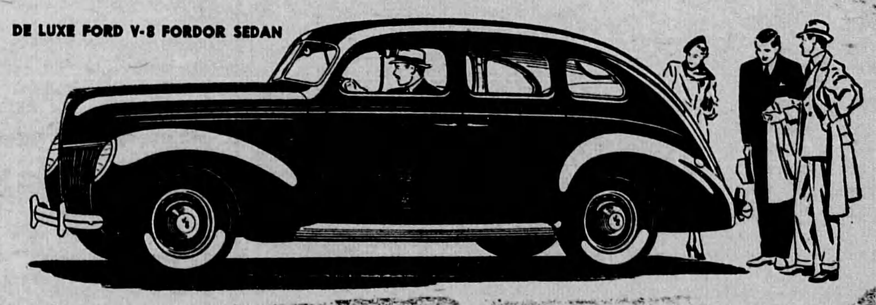

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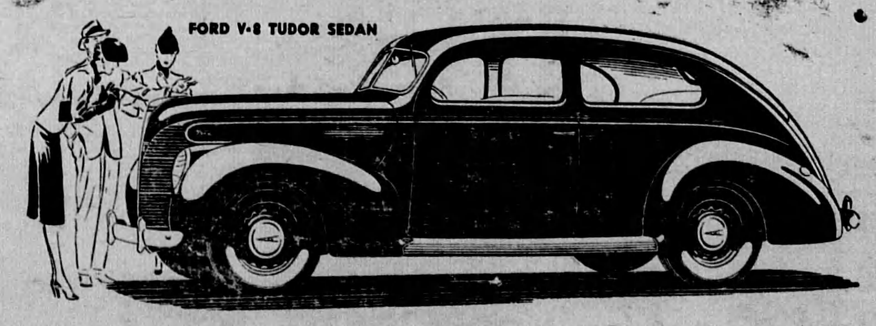

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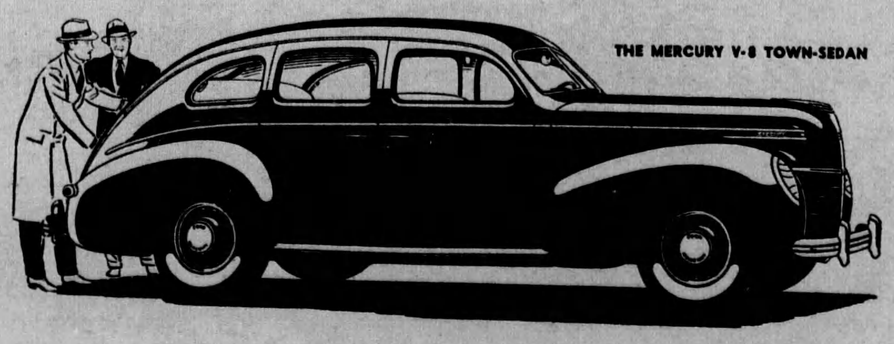

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