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Mrs. Myers and Family.

EAST MOUNTAIN
Mrs. T. Fawcett has returned to her home after spending a week with relatives at Duncan.
Miss Evelyn Smart of Duncan and Miss Vera Smart of Kimberley spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smart.
Mr. Thompson Allan and Mrs. Thos. McCullough and children spent Sunday with friends in Kimberley.
Glad to report Mrs. J. H. Thompson improving after her recent illness.
Mrs. Thos. Smith of Clarksburg and daughter Jean of Duncan visited on Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson.
Mr. Chas. Thompson of Duncan and Mr. Len Haines of Kimberley spent the week-end with Mr. J. H. Thompson.
Miss Edith Fawcett of Duncan spent a day last week with her grandmother, Mrs. T. Fawcett.
Miss Lillie Smart spent a few days last week with relatives at Duncan.
Some from this vicinity attended the concert at Duncan Church on Wednesday evening last and reported a pleasant evening.

EAST BERKELEY
Remember the Pork and Bean supper at Harkaway on March 17. Good program provided.
Messrs. Will Johnston and Alex. Young are convalescing after being ill.
Mr. Ransome of Berkeley buzzed wood for a number of the farmers last week and the work was very satisfactory.
The weather has become somewhat milder.
Mr. James Clark, formerly of this place but now of Williamsford, is seriously ill.
Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Wm. Middleton in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Crawford of Vancouver, B. C.
Mrs. Binns was a delegate from the Harkaway W. M. S. to the Convention held in Toronto.
The friends and neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Smith of Harkaway held a farewell party at their home on Monday evening. A purse of money was presented to them and good wishes extended for the best in all walks of life. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are moving to their new home near Kincairdine.
During the storm last week there was school every day.

PROTON STATION
We are very sorry to hear, just at the time of writing to-day (Tuesday), of the death of Mr. John Macintyre, Editor of The Dundalk Herald.
A number from here attended the shower held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore, Victoria Corners, on Tuesday night and presented Mr. and Mrs. Bert. Hodgins with many beautiful gifts.
Mr. Hillgarder, Allan Park, resumed his duties on the section after an absence of a week with the flu. Mr. Ernest Lyons was relieving for him.
Mrs. Everett Aude and children visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hodgins.
Mrs. Blakely visited last week with friends at Corbetton.
Miss Gerlie Lyons of Toronto was a week-end visitor at her home.
Mr. John McNulty, who has been confined to the house for several weeks, is able to be around again.
Mr. Clarke Wyville visited last week in Toronto.

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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR THE BUSY FARMER
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Current Crop Report
A number of farmers in Bruce County have been enquiring for good seed oats. Sales have been made at about 45c a bushel. All baby chick hatcheries in Peel County are running to capacity, with hatchability of eggs higher than in

1932. Poultry men are feeding more cod liver oil in laying mash than formerly. A good demand for horses is noted in Perth County, with 33 head being sold at auction sale in Stratford. One team sold at \$350 and other horses as high as \$150 each. Some scarcity of good quality seed oats and barley is observed in Wellington County, due to the excessive moisture of 1932. Turnips are moving to market there at 15c to 18c. There has been an increase in the number of small seeds being submitted for grading in Haldimand. It is reported from Lincoln County that as high as 40 per cent of the buds of some of the varieties of peaches have been killed during the winter, which is probably very desirable as there are always more buds developed than required for a good crop. Approximately 50 carloads of potatoes have been shipped from the Caradoc section in Middlesex to Windsor, prices being about 63c a bag recently. Live-stock are in good condition in most counties. Potatoes are being trucked into Muskoka and Parry Sound District from Simcoe County at 85c per bag. Hay is being trucked in at \$13.00 per ton delivered. Serious winter killing of the new seeding of alfalfa and red clover has occurred in Frontenac. Enquiries for farm help have been received in numerous districts with the offered salaries ranging from \$175 to \$300 per year. All the seed cleaning plants in Renfrew County are operating continuously. Two cars of beef cattle were shipped to the Winnipeg market from Rainy River and fair prices received. A car of fine registered cattle were brought into this district from Old Ontario.

Swine Cars Valuable
A total of 45 stops were made by the Ontario Swine Demonstration cars which completed their itinerary on March 4th. Animal husbandry experts from the Departments at Toronto and Ottawa gave an interesting series of lectures, and parasites were discussed by authorities from the Ontario Veterinary College. The lecture cars carried an interesting collection of charts and exhibits and a full coach was devoted to breeding swine which were sold to the farmers. During the first two weeks in Eastern Ontario the sales at each stop averaged five. At the first 30 stops, a total of 130 sows and 18 boars were distributed. The average attendance was 85 per stop. A keen interest in swine raising was evinced and enquiries were made regarding feeding methods, colony houses and parasite control. The officials made it plain that Canada has a surplus of hogs and the only market for that surplus is in Great Britain where quality product is wanted. Furthermore, the Ontario grower is obliged to compete with the West where cheap grain makes cost of production lower than in the East. The Ontario farmer's hope then is in quality hogs and through better breeding stock, correct rations, parasite control and good swine husbandry the Ontario grower may improve his position. The question of numbers is left for the producer to determine.

Sweet Potatoes in Kent
J. C. Smith, a fruit and vegetable farmer near Ridgeway in Kent County, Ontario, is an enthusiastic grower of sweet potatoes and claims that all Canada's needs can be produced in the Counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton and in the Niagara District.

In April of 1932, Mr. Smith ordered five hampers of sweet potatoes and secured the directions from a large producer in Southern Kentucky. The yams were planted in April in a hot-bed and in 18 days the young sprouts began to rise above the ground. When about three inches in height, they were transplanted in rows 28 inches apart and 18 inches in the row. By the 10th of October, the harvesting began. The potatoes were dug with a digger or ploughed out of the ground. There may be as many as 8 to 10 tubers in a hill. The yield per acre was approximately 175 bushels. The price per bushel was from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Mr. Smith is importing a large shipment from Kentucky within a short time for his own planting. Approximately 400 cars are imported annually, Mr. Smith says, and they represent an income of \$250,000 to American producers.

In a Seed Grain survey conducted last year in Haldimand County it was found that 49.2% of the samples graded No. 1, 3.5% graded No. 2, 24.8% graded No. 3 and 22.2% graded 'rejected'. 9.3% of the samples were absolutely free of all weeds.

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MISS M'PHAIL'S LETTER
We have had a whole week of debate on the railway bill and a whole week of debate devoted to any subject is a tiresome business. For the most part the railway problem is being considered as a separate problem and not as a part of a social organism that is in very real difficulties.
Had some planning been done

when railway construction was the rage, we would never have had three trans-continental roads paralleling each other across a sparsely settled country and had the interests of the whole Canadian people been considered at the time of the nationalizing of a part of our railways, the capitalization of the insolvent roads which went to make up the Canadian National system would have been written down to real value.

I am convinced too that had Canada gone off the gold standard before Great Britain did, or at any rate at the same time, the result in increased purchasing power on the part of the Canadian people would have added very materially to the tonnage of our railways and prevented the railway problem from becoming acute.

Railways thrive on trade. The more buying and selling there is, the more travelling to and fro, the better for the railways and yet our government and almost every other government has done every possible thing to obstruct trade. The tariff walls have been built higher and the difficulties of the trader have been added to by excise duties, dumping duties and exchange difficulties.

Mr. Speaker stated the truth well in the following words: "We can no more solve the railway problem until we have adopted policies which will bring tonnage back than we can remove unemployment without rehabilitating industry. The thing is impossible. I think, Mr. Speaker, there is one thing to which we must pay the greatest heed; for the saving of a few million dollars a year at the expense of deepening the depression of industry and agriculture, would be a saving dearly bought, one which in the years to come might cost us many times the saving thereby accomplished."

It is quite impossible to effect great cuts in railway expenditure without adding to the numbers of the unemployed and to the expenditures of the Federal government for relief. It seems at the moment the best we can do is to curtail expenditure on the one hand and increase it on the other. In discussing the details of the bill now before the House, particularly fine speeches were made by Mr. Euler, who defended public ownership and by the Prime Minister who defended the bill, but stated that any amendments that did not interfere with the principle of it, would be considered by the government, and by Mr. Malcolm who made a comprehensive speech on the whole problem. Since the bill did not specifically state that amalgamation would not be brought about, many members expressed the fear that this was a beginning of amalgamation without consent of Parliament or the people. To set such fears at rest the Prime Minister stated that a clause would be inserted to make it perfectly clear that amalgamation was not the object.

The inaugural ceremony, the noted speech of President Roosevelt and the compulsory bank holiday, of the United States have commanded the attention of Canadians. The inaugural speech was, I thought, excellent. I liked particularly the way the President faced realities. He admitted that values had shrunk to fantastic levels, taxes risen, the ability of the people to pay fallen, that governments of all kinds were faced with serious curtailment of income, that the means of exchange were frozen in the currents of trade, farmers found no market for their produce, the savings of many years in thousands of families were gone, the unemployed grimly faced the problem of existence and greater numbers tolled with little return. "Only a foolish optimist can deny the dark realities of the moment, yet our distress comes from no failure of substance."


The President's blamed severely the financial group who have "through their own stubbornness and incompetence failed to effect an exchange of mankind's goods." However, when he states that "the money changers have fled from their high seats in the temple of our civilization" one feels he is expressing a hope rather than a fact. When the President later stated "practices of the unscrupulous money changers stand indicted in the court of public opinion, rejected by the hearts and minds of men" he has stated the most hopeful aspect of the present uncomfortable situation. Surely citizens in the great Republic to the south of us, and in this country as well, will turn their minds to the setting up of a sounder financial system, one that works for the benefit of the great mass of the people and not for the few financial magnates who operate it.

It is interesting to note an editorial in the Toronto Saturday Night by B. K. Sandwell, in which he advocates that with the lessening of the gap between sterling and the United States currency, due to the depreciation of the American dollar, Canada should hasten to bring her money to the level of the pound sterling, thereby greatly increasing her trade.
Mr. Sandwell states, "The benefits of the resulting situation (right from the American dollar) for Canada are enormous. We have

hitherto been compelled - at least in the opinion of our government - to maintain our own dollar at a premium of 12% or 15% above the pound sterling because any reduction in that premium would have meant an increase in the already very large premium which we have had to pay for American funds with which to meet our United States indebtedness. The material lessening of the gap between sterling and United States currency, due to A-

merican depreciation, should at once be taken full advantage of by letting the Canadian dollar down to the level of the pound, so as to re-establish the Canadian - Sterling exchange rate at something in the vicinity of the old \$4.86.
"There is now, until the United States returns to a fixed gold standard (and nobody knows when that will be) only one financially strong nation left with a gold standard and our rulers will hardly

maintain that we are, under any necessity to keep our dollar in any special relationship with the French franc! The nations of the "sterling block" are now the owners of the only reliable and internationally workable currency system in the world and there is nothing to prevent us from joining them and everything to urge us to do so."
Agnes Macphail
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