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EDITORIAL

The Dominion Statistician in his annual report makes interesting information that last year for the first time the total deliveries of milk at the dairy factories in Canada amounted to 2,002,564,856 pounds, as compared with 2,600,542,087 pounds the year before, and 2,630,001,765 pounds in 1916. With 300,000,000 pounds more of milk produced it does seem enigmatical that butter and cheese should have so increased in price as to be almost prohibitive to the average home now.

It was a coincidence, and at the same time something of an amusing comment on the proposed digression from municipal ownership, that the very week the Grand River Railway by-law was before the ratepayers of Guelph and defeated, the quarterly dividend of the Guelph Junction Railway was announced and proved to be the largest in the history of this franchise. It was at twelve per cent. and reached the handsome aggregate of $20,400 for the quarter.

The report of the delegation of the Council which went to Kitchener to investigate the character of the plant and the standing of the Gourlay Shoe Company was very favorable. This being the case no time should be lost in completing arrangements to have the Reliance Shoe Company's agreement transferred, so that the new company may commence business in Lindsay and get the factory in operation as they are anxious to. The building is about ready and the sooner work on the interior commences the better it will be both for Lindsay town and the company which is anxious to commence business here.

PERKINS—The Prevention and Clean-up Campaign" will be launched throughout the North American continent on Monday, the week of October 9; and now is the time for the people of Ontario to lay their plans so as to obtain the greatest results possible towards the prevention of preventable fires. The Ontario Fire Marshal will shortly send letters to the Mayors of the Province and others interested in the work, asking them to assist in furthering the campaign, assist in furthering by local ways its objects and propaganda. The high time Canada took aggressive action against the fearsome volume of fire waste is evident from the fact that the average yearly number of fires in Canada during the past five years was almost double that of Great Britain, Yorkshire coal mines, and at the same time the number of fires in Canada was more than double that in the United States. The Yorkshire executive of the miners admits defeat and has decided to pay out of its funds, in strike pay during the month of May, much more than the total unemployment and strike pay ever before paid in any month.

A terrier had been worrying a porcupine and had the animal lying upon its back when the dog's master came upon the scene. This strike, calamitous to miners and to the community at large generally, was fought over the refusal of the miners to accept a 20 per cent. increase in piece wages. The lesson of the porcupine should undoubtedly be an object lesson. The miners have dropped its "direct action" policy, and have applied to the strike in various cities of Great Britain the paw of the porcupine when hurt, only to be beaten and the strikers have been forced back to work at the same wages they refused before this simple method was applied. The methods adopted by the miners have proved to be the wild animals' undoing, and they have lost their pennies and have lost their hope of their reinstatement.

The methods adopted by the opponents of the liquor traffic must be hard to understand by the people of Canada, in Christian Britain, when such arguments in favor of their cause when presented at a meeting in Toronto under the auspices of the "Temperance and Prohibition League," held in Toronto last week, were the following a few of them: "What about the poor children? That is as bad as drinking tea." "Prohibition was carried in the United States because the people were in favor of it." "Prohibition was carried in the United States because the people were in favor of it." "Prohibition was carried in the United States because the people were in favor of it