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Northern Ontario Exports
Statistics of exports from Northern Ontario to the United States during 1924 show an increase over the previous year of \$15,851,661, or approximately fifty per cent, according to figures prepared in the office of the United States vice-consul at North Bay. Gold bullion exports from Northern Ontario to the United States jumped from just under \$10,000,000 in 1923 to \$24,690,847 in 1924, while silver bullion increased from \$2,349,000 to \$3,041,574. Silver ore and concentrates increased from \$50,278 to \$534,286. Nickel matte increased from \$1,064,726 to \$1,121,450.

Who Owns Canada's Newspapers
A bill has been introduced into the House of Commons, Ottawa, requiring the editor, publisher or owner of every newspaper or other publication to file twice a year with the Postmaster-General a sworn statement setting forth the names of the editor, managing editor, publisher, business managers and stockholders, and also the names of bondholders, mortgagees or other security holders. The bill also requires that all editorial or reading matter for the publication of which money is received shall be marked advertisements. The object of such legislation is to disclose who are behind the newspapers and thus enable the public to estimate more accurately the value of the opinions expressed on public questions. A similar law is in force in the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES
Prohibition enthusiasts seem to think that the best way to keep temperance out of politics is to keep it out of the people.—Toronto Telegram. For once the Telegram made a real sane and logical guess.

The interest on Canada's debt before the war amounted to a little over a dollar per day for every man, woman and child in Canada. Last year the interest charges on the national debt were fifteen dollars for every man, woman and child living in the Dominion.

In quoting the reference of the FREE PRESS to the celebration of the ninetieth birthday of Mr. James Graham, the Milton Champion adds this interesting note: "Mr. Graham was in Milton in the 50's as a member of the firm, Row & Graham, publishers of the Journal, Halton's first Liberal organ."

The growth of motor vehicular traffic in Canada has grown at an astonishing rate during the past few years, and the official records show that the province of Ontario leads all the other provinces in every character of motor vehicle used. There are in this province a total of 647,223 motors of all sorts in operation.

On the first division of this session, the House of Commons last Thursday night declared in favor of equality of the sexes in regard to divorce by a vote of 109 to 89. And in all conscience, why shouldn't they be equal? Both the debate, which preceded the vote and the vote itself were remarkable for the extent to which party lines were obliterated on this question.

At Mayo, in the far-off Yukon, the people pay \$24 per year for their home newspaper, a little sheet of four pages, about foolscap size. Commenting on this, the Walkerton Telescope says: "This only goes to show that the local weekly is a highly-priced necessity and will be so just as long as human beings have a personal interest in their immediate surroundings and in the people of their own community."

Milton is a poor place for calamity howlers to hold forth. We know very little here of unemployment, money is fairly plentiful, merchants are not complaining very loudly, and everyone seems to be in a more or less contented frame of mind. And it will take more than travelling politicians, or anyone else for that matter, to disturb that frame of mind or create a spirit of discontent among our people.—Reformer.

Among those applying for the vacant postmaster-ship at Acton is W. J. L. Hampshire, ex-Reformer of Esqueting. There are three others, in spite of the fact that the great majority of Acton people have petitioned the Government to appoint Mr. Matthews, son of the late postmaster, who has been acting as deputy postmaster in the office for a number of years. And he ought to get the appointment.—Milton Reformer.

It is this year proposed to do honor to the centenary of the birth of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Canada's martyred statesman, who is said to have been the first Canadian journalist to advocate Confederation, and who, as is well known, did much by his writings and by his brilliant oratory to bring it about. McGee was undoubtedly a strong Canadian, and it is gratifying to see that so many of our leading public men are lending their endorsement to the proposed memorial.

Just because we live in a small town it does not necessarily mean that we all have small town minds. The trouble is that we spend too much time thinking small town thoughts. If anyone in our community shows evidence of unusual ability or appears to be more successful and making more money than the rest of us, we immediately allow some narrow personal prejudice or dislike to influence our judgment and we go about knocking or belittling the individual. This doesn't help us, and it hinders the man who is trying to get somewhere.—Ailsa Craig Banner.

Government auditors have completed an audit of the motor vehicle branch of the department of highways for the year 1923. After examining the accounts of the revenues which totalled over \$4,000,000, auditors complimented the officials of the department on the excellent way in which the business had been done and the accounts kept. The year 1923 was the last year of the administration of Hon. Frank Biggs of the public works and the highways department. Many complimentary things were said of this department a year ago. Time has shown that the administration of the office was quite satisfactory.

MR. EMMET PLANTS A GARDEN
Mr. Emmet had never taken any particular interest in gardening. He had been born and brought up in the city, and now, although he lived in a country town, there was not even a flower-bed on his otherwise attractive little place. Mrs. Emmet considered the lack of a garden a great mistake, and every spring she urged her husband to "have one this year." At last, however, circumstances arose that made it necessary to plant another of some kind. The grass of the front and side lawn had been winter-killed, and it was necessary to plant another.

"As long as you're going to plant grass," said his wife, "why don't you have some flowers under the window, next the piazza? And we could give up part of the clothes yard to some vegetables without doing any hurt." Mrs. Emmet granted at the suggestion, and promised nothing. Going to his office, however, he fell into conversation with a neighbor who was planning his garden for the coming year, and something of the man's enthusiasm communicated itself to Mr. Emmet. When he returned that afternoon, the ugliness of his bare lawn struck him for the first time. "The grass is not coming back," he said to himself, "and on the lawn I have a neat pile of seeds catalogues. Mr. and Mrs. Emmet spent the evening reading these gaily colored pamphlets and making out the list. "Now that's done," said the man, as he rose, stiff and cramped, a couple of hours later, "it'll give them good to-morrow, and tell Hiram to show up the ground, and then we can start planting to-day. I am beginning to feel better. I am beginning to feel better. I am beginning to feel better." Time passed, and spring advanced, slowly but surely. One warm day Mr. Emmet sawed a box from a shallow box that he carried under his arm, and now there was nothing to do but to wait for nature.

"It looks awful thick grass from my window," said Mrs. Emmet a few weeks later. "It's awful sorry," Mr. Emmet said, "it'll give them good to-morrow, and tell Hiram to show up the ground, and then we can start planting to-day. I am beginning to feel better. I am beginning to feel better. I am beginning to feel better." Time passed, and spring advanced, slowly but surely. One warm day Mr. Emmet sawed a box from a shallow box that he carried under his arm, and now there was nothing to do but to wait for nature.

MILTON
On Tuesday, March 17, the annual St. Patrick's banquets will be held in Knox Church school room. Brother T. A. Hutchinson has been elected Secretary of St. Clair Lodge, No. 115, of the A. O. U. E. hall, Milton. Brother George H. Robinson, who resigned on account of his approaching removal to Toronto, has been elected in Knox Church school room this (Thursday) evening, Mr. H. H. Moore, Government Lecturer, of Toronto, will discuss "The Beautification of Home Surroundings." A short musical programme will be included.

TOO POPULAR
The little daughter of a popular preacher was complaining to her mother about her father's frequent absence from home. "Other people have their daddies," she said, "but mine only seems to come home for a clean collar."

SUBSTITUTES FOR WIT
The school teachers of China do not strengthen the brains of children with algebra and calculus, but stuff them with Confucian morals, and stuff them in the Chicago Herald-Record. He further declares that in China he found no wit or imagination, says a writer following incidents, which prove that the Chinaman has good unconscious substitutes for wit or the other: "One day in Shanghai, when I was feeling sick, I called a Chinaman to my aid and said, 'John, do you have good doctors in China?'" "Good doctor!" he exclaimed. "China has the best doctors in the world."

HE KNEW COFFEE
A great many people who flatter themselves that they are judges of coffee or other beverages may learn a lesson of caution from the experiments carried out by Sir Hiram Maxim when he was trying to find a palatable preparation of wheat and coffee. "It occurred to me," says Sir Hiram in "My Life," "that very few people knew much about coffee. One day I brought from the Maxim Lamp Works about thirty young men and women. My stenographer was also present; she was one of those young ladies that knows all—from whose decisions there is no appeal." "I had cleared of a long bench and arranged on it a large number of cups, milk, sugar, cream, much coffee, and plenty of apparatus for making coffee. I got from the Army and Navy stores various kinds of coffee that were supposed to be the very best in the world, such as Mocha, Java, and so forth, and I also got from a dealer in coffee beans, mixed with the best, and broken kernels. These I freed from dust and dirt, roasted and ground, and mixed with three times their weight of chicory. I was ready for the test."

SOON COUNTED
All kinds of questions come to the answer-to-correspondents' office of this newspaper, and the impatience he occasionally manifests is not surprising. "Editor," writes an inquiring citizen one day, "will you please tell me how many kinds of typewriters there are?" This was handed to the answers-to-correspondents man, and in the next issue of the paper he replied to it.



LAKE LOUISE FROM THE AIR
Here is the first real photograph ever taken from the air of Lake Louise, the Rocky Mountain gem that has defied description by artists and poets since its discovery in the early 1850's. In the foreground Chateau Lake Louise, summer resort and centre of mountaineering and trail riding activities. In the background, ten miles distant, Victoria Glacier and Mount Victoria. But while ten miles distant in such heights?

THEY COULD NOT DECEIVE HIM
An eminent naturalist who holds—and fills, as well—a chair in a university, announced to the members of his class one morning that he had something of unusual interest to show them. "I have here, gentlemen," he said, "some hairs from the skin of a young crested seal, and we will proceed to study their peculiarities." Unfolding the small piece of paper that contained them, he spread the hairs out on a sheet of white cardboard and turned to get his microscope, which was on a desk behind him. "While his back was turned a roguish student quickly swept the hairs off the desk into his hand, and submitted others very closely resembling them. "Young gentlemen," said the professor, severely, a moment later, as he glanced at the sheet of cardboard, "there has been some underground work here. These are mole hairs."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
JAMES MARKE'S ESTATE
All having claims against, or to share in the estate of James Markes, late of the Village of Rockwood, in the County of Wellington, gentleman, deceased, who died at the said Village of Rockwood on the thirteenth day of January, 1925, are hereby required to send same to William Harris, Esq., Rockwood, his executor, who, after March 14, 1925, will distribute the assets of the said deceased among those entitled thereto having regard only to claims of which notice has been received. Those who will not be liable for any claims of which they shall not have received notice.

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