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**Exports of Cheese to Britain**

In the last three years, according to figures given in the Dominion Dairy News Letter, Great Britain has imported 939,383,200 pounds of cheese, of which Canada has supplied 331,143,588 pounds; New Zealand 464,946,800 pounds; the Netherlands 56,002,720 pounds; Italy 31,699,604 pounds; Australia 20,930,000 pounds; the United States 9,069,424 pounds, and other countries 23,531,104 pounds. A gratifying feature is that Canada's exports of cheese to the Motherland increases each year. The same is true of our exports in January this year compared with the corresponding month in 1922 and 1923. Another gratifying feature is that the quotations for the best Canadian cheese usually run from four to eight shillings per long hundredweight higher than for New Zealand. Into the first two weeks of February this year the quotation for Canadian cheese per 112 pounds was 93 to 102 shillings and for New Zealand 92 to 98 shillings.

**The Situation in Canada To-day**

Confronted in Canada to-day with a situation which is partly an honorable war-scar, and partly a self-inflicted wound, it is essential that our obligations be met, and cheerfully met; all must be discharged and none increased. If business principles prevailed, the discharge should be rendered as easy as is proper and possible, the reduction of obligations aided by individual exertions, curbed expenditures and public and corporate thrift. This is precisely the attitude of the Liberal Government to the position in which the country is to-day. In the first place they have no apprehensions regarding the future of Canada and they are taking elaborate care to avoid false economic principles. They recognize that there are certain difficulties which we ourselves must surmount. The Government knows that more people are needed in the country, and the reason why we need them is that we are not able to realize upon our wealth without their assistance; that we are not able to reduce the burden of taxation on the population without more production and the addition of more shoulders over which to spread the load. They will be the first to admit that our immigration progress has not been spectacular, but the matter has not been lost sight of at Ottawa. Much money is being spent in order to attract people to this country and the co-operative effort between the Government and the transportation and immigration agencies is now so much improved that the machinery is able to work smoothly and well, with inestimable advantage both to the numbers received and the facility with which they are handled and placed.

**Letter Writing**

Frequently it is asserted that letter-writing is a lost art. Certainly it is not, in the old-fashioned sense, a much practised art. The increasing use of the telephone and the typewriter has been attended by a declining use of the pen. People are rather pleased to fancy themselves busier, more "driven with work," than preceding generations of men, and to look upon letter-writing as the ignoble occupation of an indolent age. They have a feeling that with automobiles and railways and telegraph facilities for speeding up life, they crowd twice as much experience into a day as the people of a century ago could do, and that if they are to live busy, active lives, they can only write the briefest, most necessary letters. Be it those who are not churlish or ungenial about expressing themselves in speech write dry and meager letters, in which there is little flavor of personality. Perhaps the decline in good letter-writing owes less to an increase in the number of individual tasks and duties than to the restlessness promoted by the various contrivances of modern life, and to the laziness, intellectual and physical, begotten of them. Many a physically indolent man will prefer to take violent exercise rather than to sit at a desk and write—especially in these days when exercise can be had in so many attractive forms. The intellectually indolent man will not urge himself to the mental concentration needed to write a good letter. He will jot down a few commonplace statements and expressions, and feel virtuous over having performed an onerous duty. "Too busy to write more now"—"too busy to write before"—are there any phrases that flow more readily and shamelessly from the pen? The best letters that have been written have been those of busy men. Moreover, they have not been exclusively those of men of letters. Soldiers, sailors, explorers, and statesmen, in the midst of their most active and burdensome undertakings, have contributed to the memorable correspondence of the world. It was not that they had unlimited leisure, but that they did not grudge what leisure they had. Only the person who is generous with his time can write good letters.

**Redistribution Favors the "Wets"**

The Bill redistributing the seats of Ontario, passed in the closing hours of the session of the Legislature, is regarded as unfair to the farmers and very favorable to the wets. The new bill wipes out nine dry seats, and adds ten wets—making a difference of nineteen seats. It is significant that every constituency wiped out is a dry one. A leading temperance worker says: "It is a hopeful indication that they are arched of the temperance sentiment of this province, and they are fortifying themselves against it."

**Most Money for Education**

The Canadian provinces spend more for education than for any other purpose, according to a summary of provincial finance just prepared by W. A. McKague, editor of the Monetary Times, Toronto. Debt charges are now, it is stated, about \$36,000,000 annually, but these, of course, represent capital outlay for varied purposes. About \$25,000,000 per annum is spent on education alone. Total provincial outlay has advanced from below \$4,000,000 in 1870 to \$135,000,000 in 1923. In 1910, it was just \$33,000,000 and in 1920, \$89,000,000.

**Noted Britisher's Opinion**

"I am confident that the world is on the verge of the greatest expansion of trade ever seen, and in this movement towards prosperity, Canada has obtained a running start," said Sir George Paish, distinguished British economist in an interview with press representatives on his arrival at Winnipeg recently. The year 1924, Sir George declared, "was the turning point, which would always be remembered." "For the first time since the war, a reasonable attitude has been shown on international problems. I cannot emphasize too greatly the fact that the world is a unit which stands or falls together," he added. "I anticipate high prices for Canadian wheat over a considerable period of years. Canada is ready now to increase her production greatly. The railways are there. All there is needed is farmers to till the soil, and these should be easy to get. Thus, in the next decade," Sir George asserted, "I expect to see the Canadian farmer prosperous and the vexing Canadian railway problem solved through increased traffic."

**Looking Forward**

Buoyant optimism and abiding faith in Canada and Canadians: These are the encouraging words that more than any others have given direction and impulse to Liberal doctrine, Liberal policies and Liberal principles. These fundamental ideas have been translated into political action by Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his Government at Ottawa. We are a young country, we have problems. The new conditions that we face are unlike any that have gone before. But just as our political history has shown that the fathers of Liberalism in Canada met their difficulties with head erect and knee unbent, so too in this day and the days to come, we Canadians must face the conflict, meet the problems, and solve the troubles with a new application of the old principles and policies. That is why, in this virile young country with so much to do, so much to be finished, that Liberalism blows its trumpet call to all men to do service for their country. Patriotism without service or practical works is an empty sound. Anything that is easy to do is not of any value. Our problems are severe, they must be faced and we must acquire ourselves like red blooded Canadian men and women. Our vast mineral treasures lie before us to be revealed by the hand of toil. Our smiling acres call to our strong young men for tillage. Our inland streams and lakes and oceans wide team with their millions for the fisherman's net, our forest stands ready for the woodman's axe and industry and manufacture follow in behind these vast virgin resources. Liberalism means to work unceasingly, to build big in this great vast land flung across a mighty continent. It is a day of hope, for faith, for eager enthusiasm and optimistic endeavor. Will we waver in the dark grottoes of gloom, or will we, forward looking with vision and glad faces, advance.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

The Burlington Gazette commenced its twenty-seventh volume with last issue. The Gazette is a real home paper. During all these years Editor Harris has very effectively kept Burlington on the map, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing the place grow from a village to a populous town of importance.

The statement of the Finance Department issued last week covering all returns up to March 31, the end of the fiscal year, shows a decrease in the net debt of Canada during the month of March of \$9,101,372. It shows an increase in ordinary revenues during the month of March of \$1,882,272, as compared with March 1924, and a decrease of \$2,378,182 in ordinary expenditures.

Owing to the territorial extent of Canada the cost of government is probably more than in any other English-speaking country. The total cost annually to the Dominion is nearly \$3,000,000, viz.: 18 Cabinet Ministers, 9 Lieutenant-Governors, Members of Parliament, Senators, \$1,644,000; and of the Provinces, \$1,278,000. There are nearly 900 legislators; all told, in the Federal and Provincial Parliaments.

With our increased fire appliances and good pavements to reach a fire in an almost incredible time, the Council should take up the matter of reduced rates with the Fire Underwriters.—Newmarket, Ont. Newmarket Council may just as well save themselves trouble and disappointment. The more a municipality does to meet the requirements of the Fire Underwriters, the more this exacting body is prepared to demand from the towns anxious to meet their requirements.

After nine months' travel and observation in both urban and rural areas of Canada, S. Frank Mussard, of the South-African Irrigation Association, Johannesburg, is "perfectly satisfied of the possibilities Canada has to offer to the right type of settler." "I may say I landed in Quebec, coldly critical of a country of whose colonization schemes I had heard such varied criticism, and after nine months strenuous work in urban and rural areas, entirely on my own initiative, I concluded my tour warmly enthusiastic, and perfectly satisfied of the possibilities Canada has to offer to the right type of settler."

**Neighborhood News—Town and Country**

**BURLINGTON**

The lights on the water tower are fast disappearing, and should be renewed.

Mrs. A. B. Coleman and family returned home from Florida on Thursday last. Mrs. Coleman will remain in Florida for a few days.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Luke's will hold their annual Easter sale of aprons and other dainty articles, also home-made baking, candies, etc., in the Parish Hall on April 16.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fawcett, Lawville, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Vera Irene, to Harry Percy King, son of John G. King, of Campbellville, the marriage to take place during the Easter week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Graham arrived home from Florida on Wednesday, after spending the winter at Palmtoe, Manatee and Bradenton, known as the "Fruitful City." Mr. and Mrs. Graham made the trip from the south by motor, and report an enjoyable and interesting trip.—Gazette.

**GEORGETOWN**

Forty of the business men in town have agreed to observe Thursday afternoon as a day of rest, beginning on April 18 to the end of October.

A nursery firm is to be established on the north side of the town. Mr. Thomas Eason has disposed of his house on John Street to Mr. John George, of Ontario, who is now in Georgetown branch of the Women's Institute spent an enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. Coe on Wednesday, April 15.

Mrs. C. C. Roe has been appointed a member of the Public Library Board in place of Mrs. C. W. Waples, resigned. L. O. L. No. 245 and L. O. No. 99 will hold a grand ball and supper in the Town Hall, Georgetown, on Friday, April 17, to proceed to the donation to the Fire Alarm System.

On Thursday afternoon last Mrs. J. C. Anderson, of Erie, Pennsylvania, had been fatally injured when she was struck by a car. The annual celebration of St. George's Day will be held in the Public Library on Saturday afternoon, April 18th, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of St. George's Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Beaumont, of Glen Williams, who are traveling in Europe, reached Rome on the 15th of March and were received by His Holiness, Pops, Pius XI, on Wednesday, March 18.

A Fish and Game Club is being organized in Georgetown for the protection of game and fish. The club will present there are a number of persons fishing streams contrary to law, and the Provincial Game Inspector has been notified.—Herald.

**ERIN**

Mrs. J. D. Letch has returned home after spending the winter with her daughter in Montreal.

On Thursday evening students of Miss Edith Culligan in a very successful piano recital in McMillan's Hall, when a large audience thoroughly enjoyed the program.

Mr. Nell McKinnon has recently sold his Clydesdale Show Gelding, "Duster," to Mrs. E. Stephens, Richmond Hill. Mr. Stephen intended this gelding to compete at the large shows during the next fall and winter. This is the fifth good horse Mr. McKinnon has sold lately.

Messrs. R. Letch and Son, promoters of the local golf links, find they will be obliged to shut down the links for a time. The temporary dam built to tide them over until the summer months, failed to stand the pressure. They now have a gang of men on the job preparing for the erection of a concrete dam, which will stand permanently.

On March 21, 1925, one hundred years ago, the first marriage took place in Erin Township, the contracting parties being George Hemshaw and Ann Wheeler, granddaughters of George McAllister, of Shelburne, who was an snow on the ground that day, as Mr. McAllister heard, his grandfather tell the story at the wedding anniversary fifty years ago.

The marriage took place at what is now Hillsburg, the ceremony being performed by a magistrate named McBride, who came from Dundas Street, on horseback to perform the ceremony. George Hemshaw and Ann Wheeler had seven children all of whom are now dead but the youngest daughter, Mrs. John Nedwell, of Erin Township, formerly of the 15th line, East Toronto, who was eighty-six years of age on April 1.—Advocate.

**MILTON**

A rummage sale will be held in Knox Church schoolroom on Saturday, May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Hanning, Pashline, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Elizabeth Grace, to Harry D. Finn, of Milton, the marriage to take place in April.

Yesterday seven men arrived at the Milton Inn, to begin work in the repair of the Nelson Township Co. lines, lately taken over by the Bell Telephone Co.

Prof. Tomlinson, of Agriculture College, Guelph, gave an address on "Soils, their Cultivation and Care," on Wednesday evening in Knox Church schoolroom.

On Sunday, November 30th, last, Edgar H. Carter, employed by Stanley Agnew, Nelson, near Lovville, as a farm hand, stole \$70 while Mr. and Mrs. Agnew were out and the money belonged to the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Agnew is treasurer. Carter is a convict on parole from Burwash reformatory. He has been arrested in Toronto, where there about thirty charges against him.

The annual meeting of the ladies' section of the Milton Lawn Bowling Club was held on Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. E. S. Mosher, when the following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. D. Crawford; Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. King; Secretary, Treasurer, Mrs. E. Mosher.

The 72nd anniversary of the Methodist Church was celebrated on Sunday last by special services. The preacher for the day was Rev. Dr. Speer, of Dundas, who delivered two addresses to large congregations. The special music by the choir, under the leadership of G. Strickland Thomson, organist, was of high order, and much enjoyed by all. At the close of the evening service a slight refreshment was given by Mr. Thomson, assisted by Dr. Gavitt, both of Toronto, and each of his numbers were greatly enjoyed, we were also the organ selections by Mr. Thomson. The financial results of the anniversary, which was satisfactory, over \$1,000 being placed on the plates. On Monday evening, the Young Men's League of Young People's League, Dr. Speer gave his lecture on "Crawlers, Crutchers and Climbers"—Champion.

**A PRESENT**

The snail had been showing the lady visitor over the ship. In thanking him she said: "If you see that by the rules of your ship, these are forbidden." "Lor' bless you 'eart, ma'am," replied Jack, "so were the apples in the Garden of Eden."—Tit-Bits (London).

Encourages: don't discourage.

**THE CLEMATIS**

The clematis is one of the most handsome of the perennial climbing plants. Unlike the Virginia Creeper or the Honeysuckle, the clematis requires a trellis or other support as it does not cling to the wall of its own accord. The ideal soil for clematis is a fine loam inclining to sandiness, although a heavy soil can be made suitable by the addition of bulky fertilizer and sand. The clematis will only in a well drained location where the sun does not strike directly on the lower part of the stem on the southern wall unless shade can be given, if however, a southern wall is chosen, a dwarf shrub planted in front of it will provide the necessary protection. The spring is the best time for setting out the clematis and it should be done on a cloudy day. As the plant is to remain for several years it is well to give good preparation by digging deep and fertilizing well, using rotted stable manure, particularly at the bottom of the hole. The plants should be set rather more deeply than most of the other perennials and particular care should be taken to spread out the roots well in the hole, firming the soil about them. The clematis is a very close climber. The clematis is rather brittle and the greatest care must be taken not to break them at the time of planting. It is recommended when setting out to cover plants to hill in a ten or twelve inches to protect it from injury. All of the vine above this height should be removed. The clematis requires pruning in after years. Some sorts such as Stella and Duchess of Edinburgh, flower on the old wood. With these varieties pruning is simply means thinning out, allowing some of the old stems to remain. Other varieties, among which are the clematis, flower on the new wood. The pruning for these is to shorten the vine to about three feet. When this is done strong new vines are produced and bear flowers at their proper season.

**WISPS OF WISDOM**

Any time is a good time to start carrying out a good idea.

If you are ashamed of your position you should be ashamed of yourself.

Optimism is the secret of achievement; nothing can be done without hope.

Your mind, like soil, will produce nothing unless intelligently tilled—nothing that is, but weeds.

He who loses money loses much; he who loses more, loses more; but he who loses courage loses all.

Every thought generated in the brain is a seed which will produce its harvest—thistle or rose, weed or wheat.

Many foolish persons add to the burden of to-morrow before they are called upon to bear it. We can all increase our worries; it is as simple, and surely better, to lessen them.

Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life he is living, the thoughts that he is thinking, and the deeds that he is doing; when he ceases to wonder if ever beating at the doors of his soul a desire to do something larger which he knows he was meant and intended to do.

**DEAD TURKEY**

How a dishonest hotel-keeper misled is illustrated by the story of a commission merchant who is an extremely "close buyer." When he receives a consignment, he never fails to haggle an allowance for something alleged to have spoiled on the way.

This habit is known to the traders, and has led to many complaints from shippers, but the merchant had always managed to come out on top.

During Christmas week, as the story goes, he received several cartloads of fat, dressed turkeys from a poultryman in the Northwest. Heretofore he had dealt exclusively in live fowls, and probably the correspondence clerk got mixed. At any rate, the shipper by return mail, running about as follows:

"Dear Sir:—We regret to advise you that four of the turkeys in your consignment of December—reached here dead. Please make deduction for the same, and return correct amount. Yours truly,"

The poultryman commended with himself and replied thus:—"Dear Sir:—I am sorry to say I find it impossible to make concession requested. I have known the turkeys without their feathers and insides are liable to catch cold if shipped in the ordinary manner. The mortality among dressed turkeys was very large this year. Yours mournfully,"

"That ended" the correspondence.

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