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EDITORIAL

Canada's Importance as an Agricultural Country

Canada is rapidly gaining a position of importance as a producer of agricultural supplies. "Of all the agricultural countries of the world we stand first as regards ratio of production in the past twenty-five years," said Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture. Wheat production in 1925 was over 600 per cent. greater; in forage 200 per cent.; hay 100 per cent. better yield than in 1900; oats 200 per cent.; beef breeding 70 per cent.; swine 88 per cent.; barley 500 per cent.; rye 600 per cent.; horse breeding 125 per cent.; and poultry 180 per cent.

Making Provision so that Commercial Travellers May Vote

A movement is on foot to amend the Election Act so that commercial travellers may have the privilege of voting. When an election is held on a Thursday it is almost impossible for a commercial traveller to vote, because the advance polls will not be open on the previous Saturday. The Act now provides that advance polls must be open on the three evenings before polling day. Travellers who want to record their vote while they are home for the week-end must lose their vote or prolong their week-end unless election day falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, therefore, may be avoided hereafter as a day on which to appeal to the people.

Canada's Revival in Business Conditions

The financial report of one of our leading banks for the week says: "Reports received during the past month indicate that the underlying conditions are sound and that the gradual improvement in business noted during the past few months is being sustained. Collections are reported to be good. There has been a steady movement of merchandise to country points and retail store-keepers have experienced an active Christmas trade. In the textile industries it has been considered necessary to work on an overtime schedule and further improvement is looked for during 1926. There is a revival in the interest in farm lands, particularly in western Canada, and sales are becoming more numerous, many properties being purchased for cash. The demand for mortgage loans is negligible."

Canada Wants Real Government—Not Party Politics

Notwithstanding that the Government was sustained on the vote of Hon. Mr. Meighen's statement of Confidence resolution, the following excerpt from an editorial in Friday's Globe, written before the vote was taken, voices rather accurately the real feelings of the people of Canada. "If we do not mistake the public trend, the vast majority of Canadians, irrespective of party or group allegiance, have had enough of the days of political jockeying, wirepulling, buttonholing, gum-shoeing, pussyfooting, sidestepping, manipulating and intriguing, and more than sufficient. The solid spokesmen of the representatives of the two historic parties crowding one another at the counter eager to pawn their professed principles and policies for office has sickened the public. The cynical way in which the supposedly unsophisticated group that finds itself possessed of power to make or break has trotted from camp to camp inviting overtures, if not soliciting 'considerations,' has disgusted the people. The orgy of biter and bargain—the Dohertys peddling their wares in the corridors; the Guthries offering their bribes in the House, has started and shocked the electorate. Folks now realize how little platform promises and professions of policy matter to politicians with personal preference at stake. It has become evident that all that counts is to get in or keep in—that the country will benefit as little and suffer as much under any administration built on the sort of thing that has been going on at Ottawa during the opening week. It may be a Progressive-Liberal Government or a Progressive-Conservative Government. It does not matter. There is no difference, except in name—for in any event, the Progressive party must nominate and dictate and come first. Four years of the sort of thing Canadians have been witnessing for six days is unthinkable. As soon as the necessary routine—the voting of supply and the transaction of imperative business—is concluded the people are prepared to face the inconvenience and cost of another general election in the hope of securing stable government and a House of Commons which is prepared to devote its energies to the service of the country."

A Perennial Issue in All Countries

The tariff, like the poor man, is always with us. It is a perennial theme for political discussion. The Monitor, of Boston, treats the matter as follows, and conditions are singularly similar to those which exist in Canada: "Since that day when the first protective tariff schedule was adopted in the United States, and probably long before that time, the theory and practice of protection have been assailed and defended by its champions almost continuously. Theoretically, at least, there are those among party leaders and national legislators who choose to claim that they are free traders, or at least that tariff schedules can only be defended when they are applied for the purposes of providing revenues, but never when the imposition of import duties is designed only to protect the manufacturer, producer or workman in the enjoyment of larger profits or higher wages. Equally insistent and persuasive are those champions of the declared policy of protection, who defend their positions solely upon the theory that the opportunities of the producers should be safeguarded in the interests of progress and prosperity. But it is inevitable, no doubt, that in the administration of a law which seeks to perpetuate this protective policy, gross inequalities in the distribution of benefits and privileges should result. It has been insisted that the western and southern states have been compelled for many years to pay an indirect tribute to the manufacturers and workers in the eastern states. For a generation or more the east has held the balance of power in national politics, especially in the shaping and application of tariff schedules. This has been due, primarily, to the fact that the east has been a unit in its defense of the protective tariff theory, while the opposition has been, in the main, scattered and unorganized. The result has been that while occasional and more or less unimportant representatives of those theoretically opposed to protection, the direct benefits of the policy have not been felt in any appreciable degree by the people who comprise the great agricultural class of the west and south."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Council of Dundee, Scotland, has followed the example of Glasgow and Aberdeen in the matter of banning the use of intoxicants at civic functions, and henceforth this city will be "dry," so far as the municipal government is concerned.

Twelve counties, representing the Western Ontario Prohibition Union, last week at Stratford passed resolutions advocating the stoppage of the manufacture of intoxicating liquors in the Province, and the inculcation of temperance sentiment in the Sunday Schools.

With gratifying progress the population of Canada's penitentiaries is yearly growing less. On December 31, 1925, the federal jails had 2,217 inmates. On the same date the previous year the number was 2,373, and for 1923 the list showed 2,583. This is a reduction of 17 per cent. in two years.

A big man's advice: "Don't be hip-flasked boys, don't smoke, don't swear, don't chew. Be clean and be yourself. Stand against the crowd and you will amount to something." Charles G. Davies, Vice-President of the United States once more has spoken in his inimitable way, this time to the youthful pages of Congress.

During the debate on Hon. Mr. Meighen's motion of want of confidence in the House of Commons last Thursday night, the following significant contrast was pointed out by J. J. Denis, M. P., for Joliette: "The Conservatives were committed to attempt to defeat the overman, while the Progressives were committed to act in the interests of the country at large."

Optimistic expectations are freely expressed in Canada just now. In whatever direction you may look for it proof awaits you that this country has entered upon a prosperous era which may become the greatest in her history. Not only are the bankers in their annual statements more optimistic than they have been for years, but they have evidence to adduce in support of their anticipations.

The Senate of Canada on Friday afternoon unanimously adopted the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. There was practically no discussion. The Senate adjourned until February 16. Let's see, what are the functions of the Senate, anyhow? If they can adjourn and go home for a month when the House of Commons is in session, why not adjourn and go home permanently?

All records for production were surpassed in the mining industry of Ontario during the year 1925, according to a review by Hon. Charles McCrea, the Minister of Mines. Including both metals and non-metals, the aggregate value amounted to about \$85,000,000. Of this, \$80,800,000 was for the metals, mainly gold, copper, silver and nickel, this being an advance of about \$9,000,000 over 1924.

Canada's national debt is thirty-six millions less this year than last, according to a statement just issued by the department of finance. The total net debt at December 31, was \$2,382,735,027, compared with \$2,417,749,930 at December 31, 1924. During the month of December there was a decrease of \$881,858 in the debt, while in the corresponding month last year there was an increase of nearly six millions.

Here is a new item in statistics, and gives a unique leading place to Canada in a marketing report just issued by the British Department of Agriculture. In the consumption of eggs Canada holds the premier position with 313 per capita per year. The Belgians consume 213, United States 180, French 133, Germans 117, and the British, despite their traditional love for bacon and eggs, consume only 110 eggs each, annually.

One of the most interesting developments of mixed farming in Manitoba during the past five years has been the unusually rapid growth of the poultry industry. Whereas a few years ago it was customary for this province to import poultry produce to supply its own needs, Manitoba is now exporting, and during the early part of December the province shipped to Ontario alone a large quantity of turkeys to meet the demands of that market. Mixed farming means much to the future success of the Western Provinces.

Neighborhood News—Town and Country

GEORGETOWN

Chief of Detectives George Guthrie, of Toronto, was in town last week. The Council has instructed Chief Jackson to have the snow by-law enforced.

Division Court Clerk E. C. Thompson has been appointed a commissioner for taking affidavits.

Mr. W. A. Bailey spent the week-end at Port Hope on Monday. He underwent quite a serious operation last week. Her many friends will be pleased to know she is progressing nicely.

Mr. P. B. Coffin and Miss May Langman were at Port Hope on Monday. They were in town to see the funeral of the late Edith Smith who was a member of the teaching staff of the Georgetown High School a few years ago.

We notice the government is building new post offices some places in the province. Gravenhurst's new office is about completed. Would it not be wise for our Council and Chamber of Commerce to take this matter up with the federal government through our local representative at Ottawa?

Dr. Dickie was the speaker at the meeting of the Ministerial Association held at the Hotel, Monday, January 19th. His paper was entitled "The Church's Problem To-day," and so greatly impressed the members by its resolution, passed unanimously, that they are questioning that it would be published here to reach a wider audience.

OKAVILLE
The receipts of Okaville Horticultural Society last year were \$277.41, and the expenditure \$216.30.

Editorial: S. Forster has been appointed a member of the Board of Education to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Campbell.

Mr. W. S. Davis and his family last week on his annual winter visit to Florida. Mrs. Davis will join her husband at Lakeland.

It is reported that there are three cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria among the public school children. All cases of chicken-pox are convalescent.

In recognition of faithful and energetic service in the Ladies' Aid of Knox Church, the members of the organization presented the present Mrs. W. A. Inglehart, with a silver watch on Tuesday afternoon.

The Hon. Minister of Lands and Forests, delivered an interesting address on the natural resources of Ontario before the Lions Club at a luncheon at the Gibson House on Friday evening.

The sympathy of the entire community is extended to Miss Edith Owens, teacher of Brantwood school, in her recent bereavement in the death of her father, Alfred Owens, J. P. of Georgetown.

At his home in Bothwell, Dr. A. Teskey, aged 78 years, passed away on the 12th inst. He was a brother of the late Dr. Luke Smith, of Toronto, and uncle of Dr. Colin E. Smith, of Miami, Florida, and Dr. Luke E. Smith, of Iowa.—Record.

MILTON
W. Randall, caretaker at the post office, has been appointed deputy postmaster, succeeding Mr. J. Stewart, recently deceased.

At the hockey match at the Arena last week, the Milton players, captained by the Milton players, Alben, overpowered with his own skate, an artery in his leg above the knee, which will prevent him from playing for awhile.

At a meeting held in the Milton Inn last week, the Milton Hockey Club was re-organized for 1926, with the following officers: President, E. L. Robertson; Vice-president, J. J. Denis; Secretary-treasurer, A. L. Hemminger; M. P. Pantion, manager of the local branch of the Ontario Hockey Association; and the annual meeting, held at the local office, Toronto, last week, and also the dinner in the evening at the York Club, given by the General Manager and Directors.

Last Monday night the fire alarm was turned in a chimney on E. B. Galbraith's residence on Queen Street being on fire. The brigade responded quickly, but no water was turned on, they simply watched smoke until all danger was past.

Mr. George Langtry who has been ill, and whose wife, Mrs. Langtry, celebrated their golden wedding, is getting better. We were rather surprised the other day to see Mr. Langtry was in his 8th year, an indication by his quick movements when on the street, he was judged he would be about seventy-five.

Thos. McManette's case of blood poisoning has proved to be extremely serious. A few days ago he was operated on, and it was found that the operation, Wednesday one of Toronto's leading specialists was here in consultation with Dr. McManette's physician. The decision was against amputation if there should be no change for the worse. We are happy to report that Mr. McManette is better, and there is hope that his life and his arm will be saved.—Champion.

ERIN
Russell Grundy has rebuilt and re-decorated his bakery, which was recently destroyed by fire, and re-opened last week.

The salaries of the village offices has been fixed as follows: Clerk, \$100.00; Assessor and Collector, \$80.00; Treasurer, \$35.00; Medical Health Officer, \$25.00; Auditor, each, \$25.00.

H. Scott will act as Constable, Caretaker of the Hall and Sanitary Inspector for 1926 for \$42.00.

Mr. E. C. McLean has returned to Quebec City after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bush.

Mr. Samuel MacLean, of Macleod, Sask., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacLean here.

Mr. Robert MacLean, who has been in the hospital for some time, has been discharged and is at home.

The death occurred on Sunday, January 18th, of Elsie Taylor, who lived on a farm just below Hillburg. The deceased had been ill but three days with pneumonia, death coming very suddenly.

Some two hundred skaters jammed their way into the new Arena at Hillburg on Saturday evening. The skaters were greeted by a splendid sheet of ice. A large truckload from Osprey hopes to swell the crowd.

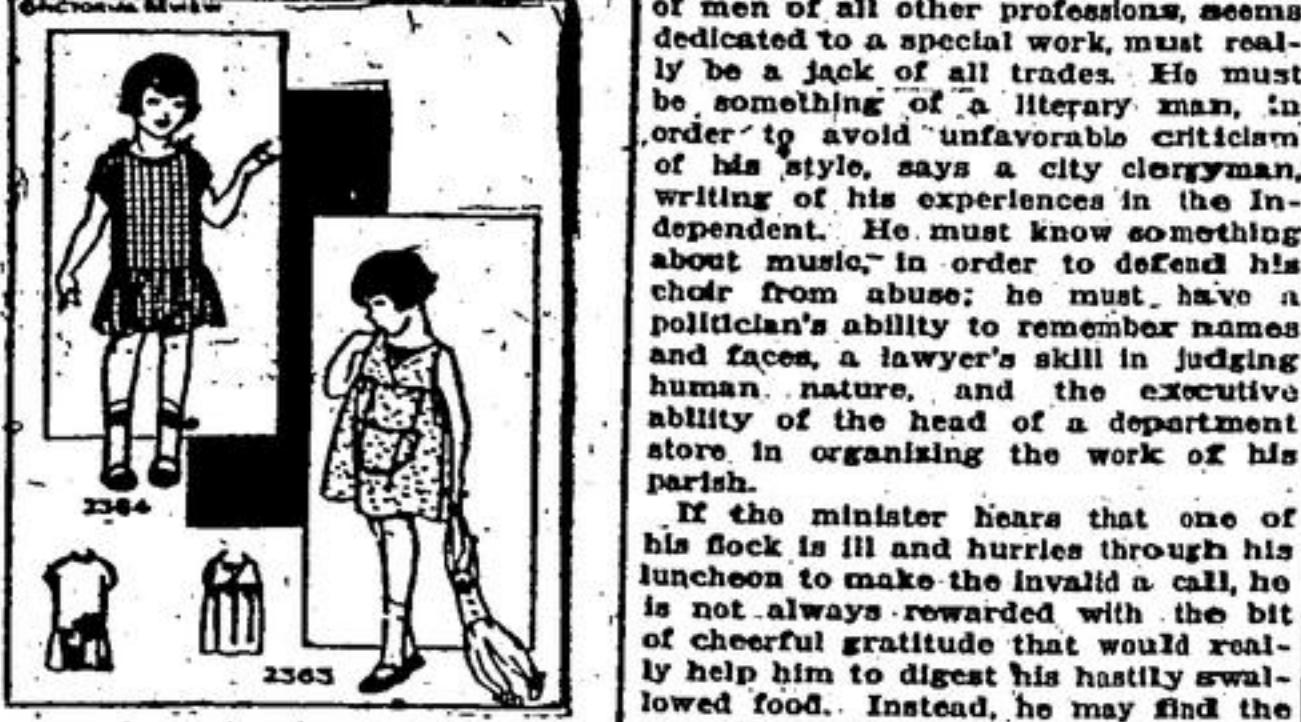
The United Church congregation have decided to discontinue the use of the Bell in Hillburg for worship. They will hold services in the homes of members each Sunday afternoon until spring, when the new church will be ready for use.

Mr. Roy Burchell, of Kemptonville, has been visiting with his brother, Mr. W. Burchell, in the past.

Mrs. E. McLachlan, of Soderia, Alberta, arrived in town last week to visit her mother, Mrs. John MacMillan.

Mrs. G. E. Cooper, of Toronto; Mr. Stacey, of Finch Creek, Alberta, are visiting with their sister, Mrs. Clavton at Mr. R. T. Elgie's.

Weekly Fashion Hint



PRO-ARGUMENTS OF JUNIOR MODES

Here are two eloquent arguments in favor of the new fashions for children. Without question the little frock to the left upholds the claim that nothing is smarter for its development than check gingham or damask. It also may be fashioned of taffeta or crepe de Chine. The neck may be finished in V or round outline, and the sleeves extended to full length if desired. Medium size requires 1 1/2 yards 36-inch material.

The care of doll-nursing are easily effected by the charming little apron to the right, carried out in printed cotton. The two-piece gathered skirt is attached to a yoke that is cut in two sections, crossing in surplus effect front and back. Medium size requires 1 1/2 yard 36-inch material.

BURLINGTON

Miss Lethian, of Alton, Scotland, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jardine, Locust Street.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Virtue left on Monday evening for New York, where they will attend the annual auto show.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Allen left on Monday for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they will visit their son Fred and family.

Dr. W. A. Bodkin has purchased a snowmobile from the Virtue Motor Company, so that he will be able to make trips no matter how much the snow blocks the roads.

The business men on the east side of Brant Street challenged the Burlington men on the west side of Brant Street to a hockey match at the arena on Wednesday evening.

The friends of Town Clerk Sykes, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past few days are pleased to hear that his condition shows some improvement to-day.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the Ontario Horticultural Society convention at Toronto in February: Rev. G. W. Tebbe, A. C. Mason, H. T. Foster, J. A. McArthur and A. Hutchart.

Word has been received of the death of a highly respected former resident of this district, in the person of Mrs. Eliza Jane Emory, who passed away on December 25, 1925, at Winfield, Kansas, where her husband, Dr. E. B. Emory, predeceased her some years ago.

Prof. H. L. Hutt, of Georgetown, spoke at a meeting of the Lions Club last week. He referred to his botanical work on his return at Georgetown, where he made a hobby of growing gladiolus, iris and peonies.

Members of the very heavy team in the Club and their families to visit his farm as a party during the coming summer and it is quite likely the invitation will be accepted.—Gazette.

THE MINISTER'S BUSY DAY

A clergyman, whose life above that of men of all other professions, seems dedicated to a special work, must really be a jack of all trades. He must be something of a literary man, in order to avoid unfavorable criticism of his style, says a city clergyman, writing of his experiences in the Independent. He must know something about music; in order to defend his choir from abuse; he must have a politician's ability to remember names and faces, a lawyer's skill in judging human nature, and the executive ability of the head of a department store in organizing the work of his parish.

If the minister hears that one of his flock is ill and hurries through his luncheon to make the invalid a call, he is not always rewarded with the bit of cheerful gratitude that would really help him to digest his hastily swallowed food. Instead, he may find the man disgruntled and hurt because the minister had not called before. If the patient is not too ill, the clergyman perhaps defends himself in some manner such as this:

"Has the doctor been here?" he asks. "Oh, yes, he has." "How did he know you were ill?" "I sent for him." "Well, did you send for me?" "After the call the clergyman, hurries back to his house and finds some one soliciting help which he would give if he could; advice on a subject of which he knows nothing, money for a medical dispensary in Turkey or India. He may have to straighten out the moral difficulty of some youth, or solve a great ethical problem for him in ten minutes. Morally he is in a trade, so to speak, and people come to him as they would go to a barber, to the dentist, or to the plumber."

Often the clergyman with sympathy and humor can do much in twenty minutes. Young men come in, very eager to talk over his troubles with a fellow man. He begins an incoherent story, and rambles farther and farther from the point.

Finally the pastor draws him out with, "Yes, yes, but who's the girl?" Then the story comes out in the simplest story of a wooing and a single refusal.

"Of course it is," was the reply. "I thought it was. Would you mind my getting out to see what it is in fact?"

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!
"Is this a fast train?" the salesman asked the conductor.

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1926 TOUR TO ALASKA
Arrangements for an all-expense, personally conducted tour to Alaska have now been completed, starting from Toronto via the Canadian National Railway, early in July, via Sitka, Alaska, and returning to Toronto via National Park and Pacific Coast cities. This will be one of the finest trips anyone can possibly take from a scenic and educational point of view. A folder descriptive of the tour, giving complete information, is now in hand and will be available shortly on application to Mr. Martin Kerr, (Principal of Earl Kitchener School), 4 Beulah Ave., Hamilton, and Mr. A. E. Bryson, (Principal of Silverthorn School), 4 Silverthorn Ave., Toronto.

In view of the very heavy teams in the Alaska during the short season available, it would be well to make early reservation as demands for accommodation are sure to be heavy.

HE DID HIS BEST

A determined-looking gentleman entered the barber's shop and demanded "a haircut without conversation." "Excuse me, sir," said the man in the shop, "but—"

"I won't excuse another word," interrupted the gentleman. "I've just left my regular barber because he was so talkative, and I insist on you cutting my hair without unnecessary speech."

"When the clock of the solars had been going on for about ten minutes, the man in the chair found that his head was looking like a well-worn scrubbing brush.

"What do you mean by this?" he roared. "It's the best I can do, sir," replied the man. "I haven't cut anybody's hair before in my life. You see, the barber has gone to lunch. For the plumber just come to look at the water pipe."

THE TYRANNY OF RULES

To live by rules is necessary if we are to make economical use of our time, but never allow the rules you yourself have made to become your masters. The farmer who rises at four o'clock in the dead of winter, or the housewife, who does her washing on Monday even when that means giving up some particular pleasure, illustrates the possible tyranny of the rules that are intended to be helpful. It is a good idea occasionally to break one of these regulations you have in your mind, just to prove to yourself that you are still the master.

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