



THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 17, 1927.

## EDITORIAL

### The Farmers' Wheat Pool

More than 140,000 farmers in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, members of the Canadian Wheat Pool, are now cashing checks totalling \$26,000,000. This sum represents an interim payment of fifteen cents per bushel on last year's wheat crop. Members of the Canadian Wheat Pool receive most of the payment for their wheat as soon as they deliver it at the elevators after the harvest. The balance is later paid out in interim payments according to the prices obtained in the markets of the world by the Central Selling Agency of the Pool.

### The Right of Citizens to Attend Meetings of Public Bodies

At a meeting of the members of Fergus School Board last week the demand was made that Hugh Tempin, of the News-Record, and two other citizens present, Dr. A. Groves and Mr. W. B. Thomson, leave the room before anything was done. Mr. Tempin wanted to know by what right they could put him out. He said that he had a right to report the meetings of the School Board or of any other public body, and this was freely conceded by Mr. Dick, the chairman, and other members. Mr. Dick explained, however, that this was not a meeting of the Board. The Secretary had not sent out any notices, and the chairman had personally notified each man, and had made it clear that this was not a special meeting of the Board. Even under those circumstances the representative of the News-Record claimed the right to give the people all possible information as to the transaction of public business by men elected by the people. The News-Record says: "As one spectator put it the next morning: 'It must be nice to be one of eight men who feel that they know more than three hundred others in town.'"

### Real Service by the Chamber of Commerce

The value of action, Chamber of Commerce to the community was well demonstrated during the week. A proposal to establish an important new industry, was made and very attractive advantages pointed out to accrue upon being established in Acton. Always on the alert in the town's interests, the Chamber of Commerce set to work at once to facilitate matters in case arrangements should be completed for locating the proposed industry here. Members accompanied the representatives of the company seeking location here in the selection of a site and gave all necessary information and attention. Two delegations sent to Toronto to investigate the existing conditions of the factory there, the volume of business and the financial standing of the proprietors. These investigations gave valuable information which will materially assist in coming to intelligent conclusions, in whatever negotiations may follow. If it is decided to recommend that steps be taken to secure the industry for Acton, the credit will be due to the Chamber of Commerce activity in the matter. If it is concluded to be inadvisable to proceed further in the matter, this decision will be arrived at because the Chamber of Commerce deemed it inadvisable to enter into the terms and conditions laid down by the company seeking location.

### A Town's Best Booster

A writer in a current magazine observes "If the newspaper is just a little better than its town, the latter is the gain." "Towns and their newspapers usually lag or lead together. Progressive journalism is the unfailing tonic of the lethargic community, but it is equally true that a lifeless newspaper can seriously retard the development of its community. There is no better community asset than a home newspaper equal to the needs of the community. While a poor newspaper is better than none to the individual reader, that does not hold true for the town. What can a good newspaper do for its community? It can serve as the town's messenger to the outside world. It must take the leadership in all community projects if they are to be successful. It is the infallible line of communication between local government and citizen. It is to the newspaper that all organizations turn for assistance in public welfare movements and without the assistance they face failure. The newspaper reaps the reward of its initiative by sharing in the general improvement of business and community life. It has been instrumental in bringing about "The good newspaper dooms it a pleasure to serve its community and its readers and is fully aware that it is only through giving a full measure of service that it can progress and prosper." — *Obawa Reformer*.

**The Government Control Bill**  
In introducing his Liquor Control Bill in the Legislature last week Premier Ferguson announced that he was carrying out the mandate of the people as expressed in the last election. The Bill takes the Ontario Temperance Act off the statute books and puts liquor on the market wherever it is desired. It is evident that the measure has been worked out carefully, but numerous details yet to be made public rest in the hands of the administrators. One of the most important of these has to do with the quantity which may be purchased at one time or over a given period. One unexpected feature of the bill, considering the arguments advanced during the election campaign to the effect that the doctors of the Province were being made bartenders, is the provision to continue the issuing of prescriptions. It is made clear that they are to be issued strictly for medicinal purposes, as was also the intent in the Ontario Temperance Act. A physician may still prescribe one dozen bottles of beer or a quart of liquor if his patient is in need of such. Under the Act, the authority placed on the Control Board is extensive. Its judgment is to prevail, and is to be absolute in many respects, even to the establishment of an "Indian list." A magistrate may also help in this. Much will depend, however, upon the enforcement authority which will sit with the Board, the Attorney-General's Department and the municipalities.

### Walking on the Highways.

With the approach of spring the man who loves a walk in the country is thinking of those pleasant evenings and afternoons that he will spend visiting once more nature in all her glory. Charming companionship will be resumed and acquaintanceships renewed. Walking in the country is a glorious privilege, healthful and mind-cleansing. Of late years it has lost much of its attractiveness. The coming of the automobile has taken away a great deal of its charm. Flying dust and the sudden tooting of a horn warning one to speed out of the way have removed from the country walk the enjoyment and placidity it used to bring. It need not have been. The road builders have had in mind only the creation of highways for the accommodation of motor cars. The pedestrians have been forgotten. As a matter of fact in Canada the rural pedestrian has never been considered. No pathways, nor sidewalks, have ever been created for him. In older countries this is not so. The pedestrian has been remembered. When in old countries there was less dust and less danger there was probably the path alongside the highway to make walking comfortable. It is noticeable that along all those high ways that have been built through this country at tremendous expense there is not a single pathway for the use of the unfortunate walker. There should be pathways along every highway for the people. The poor and those who love walking should not be discriminated against. To build a highway with no thought for the pedestrian is class legislation. To day we build roads for the rich and let the poor wallow in the slough. — *Almonte Gazette*. Last fall, when visiting Jack Mine's place at Kingsville, the writer observed a narrow cement walk which had been laid all along the front of the farm. Being interrogated as to the purpose, Jack said: "O, I built that thirty-inch walk to make it safe for the kiddies going to school. There are so many motor cars passing along here that walking along the highway is dangerous for the children as walking along railway tracks; and of course the older pedestrians pass it also."

### EDITORIAL NOTES

The hotelkeepers fail to see the significance of the "smile." None of them are in the smiling mood, since reading the provisions of the Government Control Bill. That fact may furnish a smile to the prohibitionists, anyhow. — *Star*.

A three-year programme of construction of new branch lines on the Canadian National Railways, totalling 470 miles of new railway has been submitted to the House of Commons. It is claimed that these new branch lines will lead to economy in operation.

The Farmers' Advocate makes a real logical suggestion in the following comment: "If we can afford to vote over \$12,000,000 annually to protect Canada against imaginary military foes, it would be good business to expend a like amount to combat disease, insects and fungus pests that are waging actual warfare here and now."

The druggists of Midland have decided to close their stores in the evening at nine o'clock instead of eleven. In Orillia the druggists have closed at eight o'clock for a number of years and at the same time ceased opening on Sunday. The public has not suffered so far either, and the druggists have had no reasonable hours. — *Packer and Times*.

Farm property, crops and livestock in the Province of Ontario had a total estimated value at the end of the year 1926 of \$1,768,588,553, according to a statistical statement issued by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. Land was valued at \$870,212,480; buildings at \$490,022,751; implements at \$164,783,030 and livestock at \$233,160,274. The total value is \$10,000,000 more than that of 1925.

All motorists are agreed that advertising signs erected along the highways are a nuisance and a danger, and admirers of natural beauty, whether motorists or not, are loud in the condemnation of the large posters as a desecration of the countryside. This chorus of disapproval has long been heard, and just now, says the Hamilton Spectator, there are encouraging indications that it has not been altogether in vain.

Bruce, Huron and Wellington Counties are now all more or less interested in the matter of county valuation. The report of the valuers for Bruce and Huron was recently received by the councils of those counties, and in both cases there was much dissatisfaction and appeals have been made to the County Judge by certain municipalities. It is only five years since the work was done last in Wellington County, but here, too, there was inequality and that is why new valuers have been chosen so soon again and have now started to work. — *Fergus News-Record*.

### GOOD TEA, NOT CHEAP

Special tea and poor tea can be purchased to-day, rather than to-morrow. The public should not think they can get satisfaction by buying cheap tea in a most expensive luxury.

### CLEARING AUCTION SALE

TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from:

FRANK JENNINGS

To sell by Auction, at his farm, Lot #28, concession 4, situated on the

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1927.

1 o'clock sharp the following:

TOURNEY, 50- Items and Vehicles

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FURNITURE—A quantity of Household Furniture

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IMPLEMENT—Dooring, Binder, 11

out with wheel carrier; Frost & Wood, 100 lb. capacity; 10 ft. Lake

Paris Walking Plow; Wilkes

Walking Plow; Fleury Walking Plow

Harrow; 10 ft. 6 in. 4 ft. 6 in. of

Seed Drill with grass seed; Waggon

Hay Cart; Cultivator

—  
IMPLEMENT—Milk

Pulper; Wheellarow; Bone Grinder

Grinder; Hay-Park; Hoses, etc.

—  
Etc., etc.

ROY HINDELEY, Auctioneer

Phone 122, Erin, Ont.

O. O. PLANK, Clerk

### CLEARING AUCTION SALE

TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HAY

AND GRAIN

The undersigned has received instructions from:

JAB. RUSSELL

2, line 6, Erin, 2 miles west of

Midland, to sell by Public Auction

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1927.

1 o'clock sharp the following:

TOURNEY, 50- Items and Vehicles

—  
FURNITURE—A quantity of Household Furniture

—  
IMPLEMENT—Draining

Waggon, 10 ft. 6 in. 4 ft. 6 in. of

Seed Drill with grass seed; Waggon

Hay Cart; Cultivator

—  
IMPLEMENT—Milk

Pulper; Wheellarow; Bone Grinder

Grinder; Hay-Park; Hoses, etc.

—  
Etc., etc.

ROY HINDELEY, Auctioneer

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### UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

IN ERIN TOWNSHIP

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, HAY

AND GRAIN, ETC.

The undersigned has received instructions from the Executrix of the estate of:

THE LATE JOHN MILLER

To sell by Auction on the North East

part of Lot 12, Concession 4, Erin,

one mile from Osgoode, on the Guelph

Road, on

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1927

at one o'clock sharp the following:

TOURNEY, 50- Items and Vehicles

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FURNITURE—A quantity of Household Furniture

—  
IMPLEMENT—Draining

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Seed Drill with grass seed; Waggon

Hay Cart; Cultivator

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IMPLEMENT—Milk

Pulper; Wheellarow; Bone Grinder

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### CLEARING AUCTION SALE

BUNIONS - SOFT CORNS

—  
FURNITURE—A quantity of Household Furniture

—  
IMPLEMENT—Draining

Waggon, 10 ft. 6 in. 4 ft. 6 in. of

Seed Drill with grass seed; Waggon

Hay Cart; Cultivator

—  
IMPLEMENT—Milk

Pulper; Wheellarow; Bone Grinder

Grinder; Hay-Park; Hoses, etc.

—  
Etc., etc.

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### CLEARING AUCTION SALE

IN TOWNSHIP OF ERIN

FARM STOCK, IMPLEMENTS, AND

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

The undersigned has received instructions from:

MARY MCDONALD

To sell by Auction on the 26th of

March, 1927.

1 o'clock sharp the following:

TOURNEY, 50- Items and Vehicles

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FURNITURE—A quantity of Household Furniture

—  
IMPLEMENT—Draining

Waggon, 10 ft. 6 in. 4 ft. 6 in. of

Seed Drill with grass seed; Waggon

Hay Cart; Cultivator