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No Longer the Best Customer

Canada in August lost her place as the best customer of the United States, according to figures issued last week by the Department of Commerce of that country. Exports of United States goods to the Dominion during the month totalled \$53,094,838 as against \$76,861,727 during the same month of last year. The United States imported from Canada during August goods valued at \$29,280,134 compared with \$43,760,209 in August 1929. Exports to Great Britain topped those to Canada with a total of \$53,027,540 as against a total of \$58,333,405 in the same month of 1929.

Saving Work by Doing Work

Most people are looking for an easy way of doing work, and that is fortunate. Most of our inventions are due to this desire. Carrying water from the brook to the house is hard work; so men conceived the idea of digging wells close to their homes and drawing water out of them in buckets. This, though easier, was still hard work, and some genius invented the pump, which brought the water to the surface more easily and quickly. Pumping, however, calls for quite an outlay of energy, and men kept looking for an easier way so that now we have the faucet. By a turn of the wrist, the water starts running until we shut it off. It is worth noticing, however, that we save work by doing work. We spare our muscles by using our brains. In the era when everything was done by man power, the human brain had an easy time. Every labor-saving device is the result of mental labor. That which is true of the race, is true of the individual. We can spare our brains by using our muscles, or we can spare our muscles by using our brains.

To Assist Western Beef Industry

A new free freight policy, which is expected to do much to build up the beef industry in Western Canada, has been authorized by Hon. Robert Weir, Federal Minister of Agriculture. Under the new policy, which is effective from October 15, heifers not over twenty-four months old, and of approved type and quality, will be returned from stock yards west of Fort William to country points in the same area, free of freight charges, to farmers or their properly authorized agents, where such stock is to be used for breeding purposes. Up to the present time 25 per cent. of the freight charges on such stock has been absorbed by the railway companies. Under the new policy the Live Stock Branch will absorb the 75 per cent. of freight charges. Farmers and live stock men desiring to benefit under the policy are required to make application to the authorized representative of the Dominion Live Stock Branch at the nearest stock yard. They will also be required to make a declaration to the effect that the stock will be used for breeding purposes only.

All Ready to Take Advantage

Arrangements have at last been completed and Ontario municipalities may find out how to secure a share of the unemployment relief appropriation from the Federal and Provincial bodies. Ontario's share of the Federal appropriation is \$3,850,000. Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Acting Prime Minister; Hon. Charles McCrea, Minister of Mines; Hon. William Finlayson, Minister of Lands and Forests; and Hon. Thomas L. Kennedy, Minister of Agriculture, will assist Dr. Monteith in the programme of distribution. J. A. Ellis, Director of the Bureau of Municipal Affairs, will act as Secretary to the committee. "The committee is now formed," said Mr. Henry, who is the Acting Premier, during the absence of Hon. G. H. Ferguson, "and we are all set to go ahead. We expect to be able to pass on projects almost as fast as they are filed, and to get work under way with the least possible delay. Demands will be rushed to Ottawa for final approval, and then the actual job of distribution of funds, under Dr. Monteith's direction, will commence." So now it would appear that the machinery is all ready for the municipalities to take advantage of. Just how fully they will be able to avail themselves of the assistance will be a matter for study.

EDITORIAL NOTES


The first touch of winter this week gave the coal man his first real innings. That's one business that's always sure of a season, anyway.

And now the predictions of when winter will set in and how long it will last and how hard or soft it will be, are quite a topic. One sure prediction is that winter will be.

It will employ about 15,000 men to start taking the census on June 1 next. The city man will have forty questions to answer and the farmer 600. Even the bees are to be recorded.

The Finance Committee in Guelph passed a resolution to the effect that "The city flag be kept flying on Christmas Day every year hereafter." What's the trouble? Has Santa Claus been passing by the Royal City?

A third highway across the lower end of the County is being discussed. It would be more feasible to complete the highway through the County, which stops at Milton now, before considering the making of a third one in the southerly section of Halton.



EDITORIAL
Labor to Help Agriculture

Unqualified support was given to the World's Grain Exhibition and Conference, to be held at Regina, July 25 to August 6, 1932, by 300 delegates attending the 46th annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada at Regina recently. A resolution approving of the exhibition and conference carried unanimously, the delegates declaring their support to be an expression of their desire to co-operate with the agricultural interests of Canada in all great undertakings the objective of which is to strengthen the economic and industrial position of the Dominion among the nations of the world.

Hard to Get Over

In an address in Toronto last week, Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the C. P. R., predicted a return to prosperity, an unbounded development of Canada, and a happy future of co-operation between Canada and the United States. One of the remarks of Mr. Beatty, put in a light way the high tariffs that have been put up by these two neighboring countries. He said: "We are proud to boast of our 3,000 miles of unprotected border—unprotected except for the high walls of tariff. They have now reached such a height of protection, that the only things that Canada can now send across are good wishes and hockey players."

Apple Crop Estimated Short of Last Year

The yield of Canadian apples for 1930 is estimated at 3,165,936 barrels, which is a reduction of 774,000 barrels on the yield of 1929. Compared with the five-year average of 3,182,195 barrels, the final 1930 estimate shows a slight reduction of approximately 1%. British Columbia is the leading Province, with an estimated crop of 4,682,330 boxes, showing an increase of approximately 30% over last year. All other producing Provinces show decreases, Nova Scotia, 40%; Ontario, 43%; Quebec, 28%; New Brunswick, 4%. In the Provinces generally the weather conditions have been more favorable during the last month for size development, resulting in the increased estimated yield. Insect injury and fungus diseases are general throughout, although not of a serious nature, except in neglected areas. The following is the estimated yield by Provinces: Nova Scotia, 934,600 barrels; New Brunswick, 33,600; Quebec, 134,400; Ontario, 502,500; British Columbia, 1,560,776; all Canada, 3,165,936 barrels.

No Vote Unless Taxes are Paid

In Calvert Township a by-law has been passed that cuts off all voters who have not a clear tax receipt by December 14. Further than that, all tenants who occupy premises on which the taxes have not been paid will lose their franchise. The same by-law was, if memory serves us right, enacted in Guelph recently, but found difficult of enforcement. The latter clause relative to tenants seems a hardship, but the first part, which affects the property owner, would seem only justified and conducive to careful administration. Individuals who do not have sufficient interest in a community to pay their share of the running expenses of the municipality should surely not be a deciding factor in the government of the community. While the by-law seems to have plenty of grounds to justify it, still it seems a delicate one to inaugurate and enforce. It is being launched in various places, however, and the manner in which it will fare will undoubtedly be a deciding factor in its spread or otherwise.

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Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CHARKE

The other night in the wee sma' hours I was awakened by a sneeze. Quietly I leapt around for the sound of a match and there was a little pyrama-clad figure in the middle of the room sleepily rubbing one eye.

"Why son what's the matter?" I asked.

"I'm kinda scared, (sob) 'cause I can't stop thinking about nasty things." Poor little chap, visions of childish nightmares came back to me like a flash, so without more ado Pat came into bed with me for a while and we thoroughly thrashed out this problem of "nasty things."

Some little while back the school and I had a little quarrel. It was a case of great excitement to the children. Pat, on the hearth, secure alike from the wind and the weather. October, strange how a few words can span a gap of years. In one of our morning papers I came across a poem called "October," and it was written by a man who taught senior classes in the school where I was a teacher. It was about twenty-five then and I remember thinking him about one of the most supercilious and sarcastic men I had ever met and he had such awful holes in his socks. I know, because I had to darn them! And now here he is with some exquisite poems to his credit—pathetic, appalling—such real catch-phrases like, "Daddy's and how long it would take to save up fifteen cents to buy a watch to go in the pocket. We thought perhaps it might take quite a while because when a fellow has to get all his smus right at school before he can be sure of getting a cent a day, fifteen cents take quite a little while to accumulate. And so, still exercising his wits over this mathematical problem our young dreamer got back to bed and was soon fast asleep again. At day-break I was awakened again by a conversation carried on between the two children.

"Sister, I dreamt last night the school was on fire," said Pat.

"What happened?"

"Oh, it was all burnt up and we had school outside and the teacher let me have the big bell to play with."

"Did any of the kids get burnt?"

"Yes all the naughty kids."

"Did Charlie get burnt?"

"Sure he did. And Bobby and Ken burnt right up to their noses, and there was nothin' left of the school 'cept the bell!"

Pat was still romancing when I came down stairs but this time I did not interfere as daylight had robbed his dreams of all its terrors.

—It set me thinking how glad we should be for the light because it is not given to all of us to sleep through the hours of darkness. It is not only the sick who suffer but those who are left behind

after sickness has passed through the house and death has taken his toll. "All day long there is the weary world to face. The sound of mirth and laughter fill the air. For sorrow there is but a little space. No time for any transport of despair. But love, the heart beats slow; the lips turn white. Sometimes at night."

—From "The Lady of the Degradation."

"The above lines came back to me—they are from a book I read during the war, and which seemed so very, very applicable at that time. No doubt they still are, but fortunately not to such a great extent. The day breaks and we each go about our work. Work which to many in their pleasure and happiness, to others merely drudgery in the struggle for existence, while others find in work their panacea in times of sorrow.

After days and days of beautiful sunshine which steeped the roiling leaves in shimmering light we now come to a real old-fashioned October day, dull, blustery and cool. But even this has its compensations because it gives one such a cozy feeling to sit by a blazing fire on the hearth, secure alike from the wind and the weather. October, strange how a few words can span a gap of years. In one of our morning papers I came across a poem called "October," and it was written by a man who taught senior classes in the school where I was a teacher. It was about twenty-five then and I remember thinking him about one of the most supercilious and sarcastic men I had ever met and he had such awful holes in his socks. I know, because I had to darn them! And now here he is with some exquisite poems to his credit—pathetic, appalling—such real catch-phrases like, "Daddy's and how long it would take to save up fifteen cents to buy a watch to go in the pocket. We thought perhaps it might take quite a while because when a fellow has to get all his smus right at school before he can be sure of getting a cent a day, fifteen cents take quite a little while to accumulate. And so, still exercising his wits over this mathematical problem our young dreamer got back to bed and was soon fast asleep again. At day-break I was awakened again by a conversation carried on between the two children.

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