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EDITORIAL

Canada's Steam Railways Mileage

The mileage of steam railways operated in Canada is 42,381. Of this total the Canadian National Railways operate 21,563 miles in Canada. With the lines operated in the United States, the total Canadian National mileage is 22,004. The Canadian Pacific Railways operates 14,812 miles, but in addition to this mileage, there is a number of railways under C. P. R. control. During 1929 there was a net increase in the miles of railways operated of 386 miles and in total track mileage of 411 miles.

"Permit Holders Need Not Apply"

The Town of Georgetown, with commendable interest in citizens who are out of work, has arranged with the unemployment relief to undertake the drainage and levelling of the Public Park, according to plans prepared by the Drainage Department of the Ontario Agricultural College. The unemployment relief have agreed to pay one-half the cost. It is a significant stipulation that only married men, residents of the town, who do not run a motor car, nor have a liquor permit, are qualified to apply for work under this arrangement.

Measured Up

As a small unit in the days of remembrance at Thanksgiving and Armistice time, Acton has always measured up and this year was no change in the unwavering loyalty and duty in the observation of this great day. The residents of Acton and the district turned out on Monday in goodly numbers and in a spirit of reverence and remembrance fittingly paid tribute to the glorious dead, and renewed an obligation to carry on the work of promoting peace, which task had been undertaken by those who fought in the great war and gave their lives in the effort to bring about peace. Never yet has Acton and the district failed in this duty. It measured up to its obligation on Monday.

Nomination Day in a Week

Owing to a change in the statute governing municipal elections, the nominations this year will be held on Friday, November 21, instead of Monday, just exactly a week before the election date. The reason back of the change is to give returning officers more time to prepare ballots and other necessary documents. The posters are out announcing this date and the elections. The Reeve and Councillors are required to be nominated, one Public-Utilities Commissioner, and four members for the School Board. Three members of the Board retire this year and Chairman Beswick has also resigned, making it necessary to have four members elected. Judging from the quiet attitude of the ratepayers just a week before nominations, it would appear that the administration of the year has been viewed with much satisfaction. Acton has made good progress and had a good business administration. On Friday evening of next week, November 21, the ratepayers are called upon to appoint those who shall administer the affairs for 1931. It is a time for selecting men who in your judgment will best administer the spending of the thousands of dollars under their care. Your vote is not a favor to hand out in return for good fellowship. It is your voice in the administration of the affairs of Acton for the best advantage of the community as a whole. Use it not as a means of personal satisfaction but as your influence for the upbuilding of the community and not its tearing down. Thus will Acton continue to flourish.

A Town and Its Newspaper

A leading advertising man recently had this to say regarding a town and its newspaper: "It is recognized that a town may be rather accurately judged, as far as progressiveness is concerned, by the way in which it supports its newspaper. In other words, a creditable and prosperous-looking newspaper may be safely taken as an indication of a live and enterprising community. The reason is plain. A live town naturally demands a representative newspaper or newspapers, and there will always be found someone to meet the demands. Almost without exception, it may be found that a town has just about as good a newspaper as it deserves; sometimes better than it deserves."

Motor Accidents and the Penalties Imposed

At the recent annual meeting of the Magistrates' Association of Ontario, at Brantford, the Honorable Mr. Justice Hodgins, in one of the most important addresses on the programme, referred to motor accidents and the penalties which should be imposed as follows: "I am satisfied, from my experience on the Bench and elsewhere, that the majority of accidents are due either to cutting in or out, or to carelessness at an intersection. And at the base of these two faults lies speed, which, in each instance, and under its individual circumstances is excessive. I have made it a practice to enquire from counsel in every case where speed or cutting out has occurred, 'Why such haste?' I have never been able to obtain a reply showing any valid reason for other than a moderate and careful speed. I wish magistrates would try the same question. If they do, they will perhaps make violators realize that motoring is not a question of miles per hour generally, but rather why they should not for a moment or two slacken speed and avoid the accident. Life is lost and families destroyed just because for a short minute or so the car was not under instant control. This is negligent or reckless driving. The tale of disaster is appalling, and it will never be stopped until the magistrates impose imprisonment as well as fines on all offenders against the humane rule of due regard for others." This comment by Mr. Justice Hodgins is worthy of the consideration of every motorist who uses our highways. Hence we pass it on for general perusal.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Thanksgiving Sunday and Thanksgiving Day were from the point of weather alone real cause for thankfulness as beautiful fall days.

The improved railway crossing on Mill Street must be a real pleasure for motorists now. The improved grades and the roadway between the ties is to say the least an appreciated improvement.

The amount of money involved and the sentences imposed on the stock brokers these days makes the average bank bandit or hold-up man look like a poor piker. His business hasn't nearly the remuneration and much more danger than the stock broker.

Brampton has discontinued the Wednesday half holiday until next spring, and probably longer. A number of towns are catering to the trade by making it possible to shop in town every day in the week.

The recommendation of the Conservative organization for the County jail position has apparently been accepted, as we note that Mr. John F. McCallum will move into the Governor's quarters at the jail.

Almonte will receive only \$75,000, instead of \$100,000 as requested, of the unemployment relief fund. Some paring will certainly be necessary if all the demands are to be met out of the original \$20,000,000.

If it is absolutely essential that the swamps shall be filled before winter can set in it would appear that even the Chatsworth sarge was a little early in his prediction that the cold weather will start about November 27.

The Saturday before Thanksgiving there were line-ups before the liquor stores in Toronto, and record-breaking crowds attended the rugby game. The awful (?) business-depression hasn't struck these and many other lines very seriously yet.

Trafalgar-Township Council will assume only four and a half per cent. of the cost of the subway, instead of five per cent., as set by the County Council. Let's see, isn't this the same member of our County family that was forced to pay for certain road expenditure after a costly court decision?

An announcement from Ottawa in regard to the 1931 census points out that appointments as commissioners and enumerators will not be made by the Civil Service Commission, but by the Government, therefore "political influence will count." Does that mean that a Conservative, either employed or well-off financially, will be preferred to an unemployed man who is even suspected of Liberal tendencies? We shall see.—Simcoe Reformer.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

Just recently I have been driven to the conclusion that husbands are things which have to be caught early and trained while young—especially on a farm. Unfortunately I have done neither of these things and I am just beginning to realize the impossibility of getting a man to do anything at all if he has a dyed-in-the-wool prejudice against it. My particular trouble is this: Partner cannot, will not or dare not do one bit of shopping for me in town. He will go to the mill for chop and spend the whole forenoon in town getting the team shod but do you think he will do any shopping for me? Not he—not so much as a loaf of bread will he bring home. I suppose I have myself to thank for it for not bringing him up in the way he should go. Talk about children being stubborn—they are not in it when it comes to a man. The other day I was trying to bully Partner into going down town and I suddenly thought of a new threat. "If you don't," I said, "I'll write about you—that's what I'll do!" Even that did not work. Apparently Partner would rather suffer slander, libel and sedition than fetch me home a postage stamp.

Honestly, there are times when I feel almost ashamed to drive into town as I feel people must be thinking "There goes that woman again. Whenever does she get her work done?" That's just the trouble, I don't. But what can a person do? There is a limit to what a buggy can hold, so one day I take in the cream can, another day eggs, and perhaps the next day dressed chickens or the coal oil can and of course I will admit there are a few occasions when I make a special trip in to go to the Women's Auxiliary or some other meeting. He lets me in, however, the buggy goes in, it generally comes back loaded. Partner says if I went in three times a day I should still find shopping to do.

"We are not both tarred with the same brush, that's one sure thing," I retort. But still everyone has a redeeming feature, and I must say when it comes to real cold weather Partner will always take me in and do the driving. There is not being this necessity in summer that the only thing that takes Partner to town is the necessity for getting his hair cut and he always says if he could take off his head and send it in with me he would certainly do so. Well that's that, now let's talk about the weather.

Did you ever know a cold snap to come without finding ninety per cent. of the people unprepared? I often think how nice it would be to be among the other ten per cent., but thinking is about as far as it goes. Of course on a one-man farm it does seem rather impossible to get all the little odd jobs done at the right time. In the fall of the year there seems to be many things that have to be attended to before freeze-up and they all need doing at once. All through this cold weather Partner has been plowing each forenoon, pulling turnips after dinner, picking chickens at night and milking cows twice a day as a recreation.

As for me what time I can find between trips to town is spending in chasing myself around to get "extra winter" and cleaning down. So far I have not accomplished very much. The dining room and winter kitchen still want cleaning, but I am waiting for Partner to help me with the stove pipes—about umpteenth lengths of them—and he is waiting for a stormy day before he takes time for a little job like that.

Before the last cold spell started I suddenly remembered my carrots. They were the only thing left in the garden, so I decided myself for the Arctic and spent an hour in pulling the best crop I ever had. It is a mystery to me how they grew, certainly it was more by luck than good management, because they hardly saw a hoe all summer, most of my spare time having been spent in the turnip field. I can see the family in its four or five of snow-plug this winter, because there are more than I can possibly use as a vegetable. Surprising the mangle there is in ordinary art. I remember at school we used to have bread pudding twice a week for the boys' dinner. If any were left over it was remodelled, camouflaged with custard sauce and appeared on the staff dining table at night as "College Pudding." What's in a name?—a good deal at times.

Well, I must hurry along. There is a dress to finish for Molly for Thanksgiving, and a pair of mitts for Pat, and, of course I have to go to town to-morrow. Snap—squeak! There it goes again! What? Oh, just a mouse trap, that is all. The mice have been holding a family reunion in my pantry, but I have arranged it so that the celebrations are subject to these painful interruptions.

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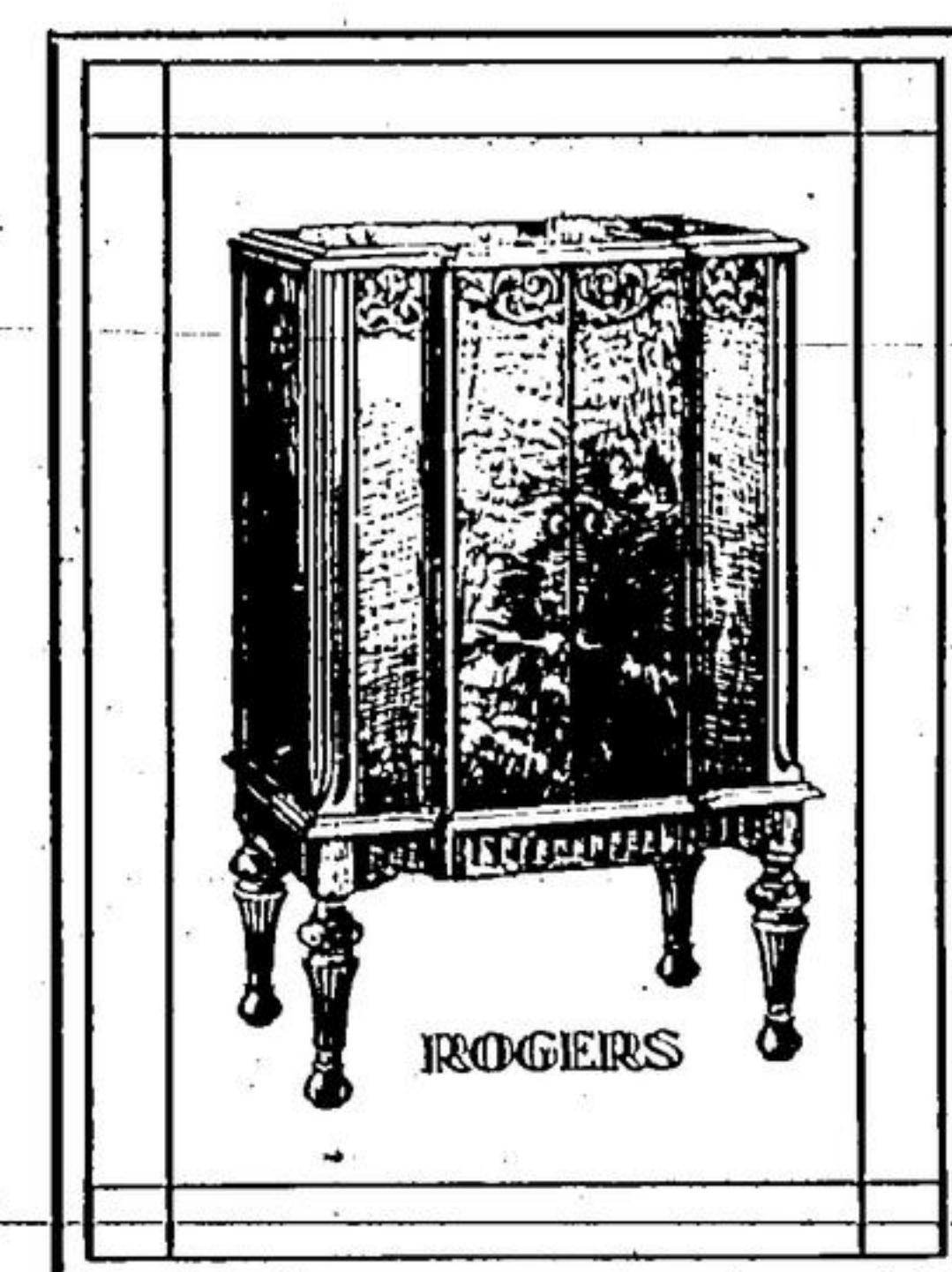
The afternoon was nearly over when he suddenly remembered — their wedding anniversary to-morrow and he had neglected to find out about that stone marten neckpiece. If only Betty were home to help him, instead of a hundred miles away at school.

His eye fell on the telephone — a happy inspiration. Two minutes later — while he held the line — Betty's voice came over the wire. Yes, certainly, she knew the fur her mother wanted. Moreover, she could tell him exactly where to go to get it.

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