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Not the O. T. A., Anyway
We don't say that the Liquor Control Act is responsible for all the conditions of crime but the fact remains that we are now operating under that system, and there are now 614 prisoners confined in the Portsmouth Penitentiary, the largest number in the history of the institution, and for the first time in the history of this prison one of the corridors is being used to house the overflow of inmates. All the other prisons in Canada have record enrolments. The total population of the penitentiaries in Canada is about 3,200. At St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary there are 850 prisoners, and it is stated that at the Stony Mountain in Manitoba the convicts are sleeping in the corridors.

Smaller and Smaller
Mayor Wemp, of Toronto, by his advertisements and speeches, gives the impression that Toronto is solely for Torontonians when it comes to giving, and it is a known fact that the city has been quite capable of looking after itself in expanding and going after things in other communities. The Kingston Whig-Standard has this to say: "When one realizes, too, that Toronto's wealth comes very largely from the millions of dollars which pour into its commercial treasury every year from all over the Province; when one also remembers that head offices of banks and other institutions with branches situated throughout the Province contribute to its federated charities, but not to those of other cities in the Province, one wonders whether Mayor Wemp has not gone a little out of his way to irritate these cities, which one Toronto paper once referred to as 'out in the Province.'" Surely the day is not at hand where tariff barriers are to be erected about each community? We don't believe that Mayor Wemp's appeals and sentiments are held by the majority of Toronto people.

Tariff Hits Poultry Producers
The high tariff imposed by the United States against Canadian products is causing quite a hardship among those farmers who raise poultry. Here is what the Alliston Herald has to say of this condition: "The contention that custom tariffs engender hardships is very true and every man and woman with poultry to sell just now is realizing the truth of this condition. But it is the American tariff that is pinching the people of this district. Apart from politics altogether, high tariff advocate and low tariff advocate is being hit without mercy. High tariff advocates and free traders if they will but make the inquiry can readily learn that the great stream of poultry which went from Canada to the great American cities last year is completely shut out this year. Answering that the American farmer is just as badly off as ours is nothing. It is the Canadian farmer—the Alliston farmer—who is hit and hit hard." The Americans will pay a fancy price for their Christmas dinners and the Canadians will make themselves sick trying to eat up the surplus poultry when it is cheap. No, we always liked the idea of trading with the other fellow and allowing him the opportunity of trading with us. High tariffs don't seem to benefit the farmers or the buying public a great deal.

EDITORIAL NOTES
And in just another week the secrets will have all been told and the average small boy and girl will know that they have been well behaved children and Santa Claus remembered them.

A newspaper heading reads: "Ferguson is painted by Lightning Artist—Dazzling Study of Canada's High Commissioner Offered Admirers—More than Life Size." Sounds like good sales chatter for a bargain sale in paintings.

A practical joker, who entered a garage at Edmonton and shouted "Stick up your hands," was instantly killed by a shot from the revolver of the proprietor. This hold-up business is no joke in any way.

According to a dispatch from Ottawa, about twenty-five postmasters have been dismissed since the new Government came into power. The majority of the dismissals were in the Maritimes and Quebec, with a small number in Northern Ontario.

Splendid lithographed Christmas supplement numbers have been issued by the Collingwood Bulletin and the Simcoe Reformer. They were typical examples of the good workmanship and progressiveness which characterizes these splendid weeklies.

Liquor stores in Toronto and suburbs and certain other cities will remain open an extra hour on the days before the Christmas holiday, "to relieve congestion." Some people's idea of celebrating the birthday of Christ is peculiar to say the least. And there must be a lot with that idea, too.

Last week the Fergus News-Record observed another anniversary of the beginning of its "Inside Page," which has grown to be one of the features of this splendid weekly journal. In an article in that section "Whig" has some characteristic gossip about the newspapers with which the News-Record exchanges. Among THE FREE PRESS exchanges the Fergus representative is one that we open with anticipation of interesting reading. And when that Inside Page is missing a very distinct loss is felt in its perusal.

SLATS' DIARY BY JOSE PARQUHAR

Friday—well I thought I was a going to get a pretty good grade in compashun today but from the latest reports I guess I ain't a going to be so very hot. The teacher told us to rite a compashun about a barnickel and I rote all about those there Tubes you got in yure throte with gals sore sun times and then you have sore throte and get horse and neubby have barnickel newmonia, but pa says I am rong. That woodnt wry me so very nitch but ma says so to.

Saturday—well old Mr. Hix got hisself into a nice jam today. He got up enuff nerve to go to his boss for a serious lawk. He sed I have been working for this co. for forty 7 yrs. and I think sum thing shud ought to be done about it and the boss sed my goodness yes, no this evening they told Mr. Hix that they had got a yonger man for the job. commencing Monday.

Sunday—I didn't have no munny this morning for funday school and no ma lent me a dime and then sum way I forgot to put in onley a nickle. After I tuk a nap this p. m. I looked for the other nickle in my pocket & it was gone. I am sure ma got it but I don't want to accuse her of it. for fear she did. Munday—Ant Emmy chimes her bowd promise to marry her. The Judge sed

KELLOGG COMPANY TO ERECT \$150,000 PLANT IN LONDON

The Kellogg Company of Canada will build a new power plant to coat in the neighborhood of \$150,000 in London. Work will be started this fall. Announcement was made to this effect, by Eugene H. McKay, of Battle Creek, Mich., director of the company, who was sent to London by L. H. Brown, President of the parent company, to make a survey of the London plant. Mr. McKay was accompanied to London by engineers and architects of the Albert Kahn Company, of Detroit, who assisted him in the survey from a technical standpoint.

"It was not the original intention," said Mr. McKay, "to erect this power plant until next year, but Mr. Kellogg has felt very strongly that the company should do all it could to assist the unemployment situation in the present crisis. As a result, some of our building projects in Battle Creek have been advanced and we are following the same policy in London."

J. R. McKinley, the London manager, has been urging the company to start work this fall on some of the company's building programmes and has been placing the needs of the London plant before the directors.

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BUREN THE PERFECT WATCH

Attractive Burens, for Men and Women, in pocket and wrist models. Prices from \$16.00 and up. Every Watch we sell, we clean once, free of charge. James K. Gardiner WATCHMAKER MILL STREET ACTON

DARING VENTRILQUIST

A Kalamian and a dozen friends had just finished dinner in a fashionable hotel, when the waiter arrived with the bill. "Give it to me, I'll pay it," came in loud tones from the Scotman. The next day the following headline appeared in a local newspaper: "Scotman Strangles Ventriloquist."

FAST THEY COME... FASTER & FASTER

ONLY 5 DAYS to prepare for Christmas Dinner SHOP AT CARROLL'S

Christmas PUDDINGS

Crosse & Blackwell's, 1-lb. 50c
Crosse & Blackwell's, 2-lb. 90c
Wagstaffe's, 1-lb. 45c
Goblin, 1/2-lb. 19c

Choice New WALNUTS

pieces lb. 39c
WALNUTS, CHOICE HALVES, lb. 49c
WALNUTS, BUDDED, lb. 37c

ALMONDS

Extra Large Shelled lb. 49c
DATES, NEW GOLDEN HALLOWI 3 lbs. 25c
DATES, NEW READY PITTED 2 lbs. 25c

ANIMAL CRACKERS

Two-humped Camels, Grand-trunked Elephants—the whole animal kingdom—Circus pks. 5c

AYLMER CHICKEN PASTE

2 tins 29c

ALMOND ICING

Allen's Almond Icing, 15-oz. tin 45c
Allen's Almond Icing, 7 1/2-oz. tin 25c

MINCEMEAT

Wetley's Condensed, 10 1/4-oz. 2 pkgs. 29c
Carroll's Old English Style 2 lbs. 29c

CAKE CANDIES

Assorted pkg. 10c
Silver Cachous, Tube 5c and 10c

Advertisement for Carroll's Christmas products including puddings, walnuts, almonds, biscuits, raisins, and various candies. Features large numbers '25 24 23 22 21 20' and 'ONLY 5 DAYS to prepare for Christmas Dinner'.

Extra Special! Fancy Sunkist Navel ORANGES BUY NOW! 3 DOZEN for 55c 2 DOZEN for 55c 1 DOZEN for 55c Mill Street Acton, Ontario

EDITORIAL

Patronage Again—With a Vengeance
"Hon. W. G. Martin, the new Minister of Public Welfare, declared again and again during the recent by-election in South Waterloo that the Galt-Preston-Hespeler area was the ideal location for a new Girls' Industrial School, which the Ferguson Government was going to establish. South Waterloo went Liberal and Hon. Mr. Martin now announces that the school will be located at Bowmanville. It is suspected that the veiled promises were for election purposes only." —Daily Star. Wonder how the Hon. Mr. Martin will square himself and his conscience with this succession of alluring promises. And to think that he was a preacher not so very long ago.

Keeping Canada Safe

The promptness and alertness with which the Toronto Police Force went at the business of rounding up a couple of criminals who murdered one of the Toronto press, and the press in other communities. The best deterrent to crime is a realization by the criminal that he is not going to get away with it, and will eventually be caught. Too great protection cannot be afforded the police who risk their lives daily in order to make the land safe for law-abiding citizens to reside in and carry on the ordinary business pursuits. Sympathy with the criminal must be limited and a sympathetic helpfulness extended to the guardians of peace in the performance of a duty which makes Canada a safe place to live in.

A Local Farmer's Views of Farm Troubles

At the annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario in Toronto last week, Mr. A. G. M. Bruyns, of Limehouse, gave a very interesting address on "The Farm Situation as it Affects the Crisis." Mr. Bruyns' lecture was a careful study of the problems which affect the farmers and in turn have an effect on the conditions of the whole country. His discourse dealt at some length on phases of farm problems and is difficult to grasp or make intelligent comment upon in a brief editorial article, but the final paragraphs and summing up by Mr. Bruyns give real food for thought, and we re-produce them: "We and other nations are in the vicious circle. It should be the aim of every Canadian to get out of it as soon as possible. It is my belief that of all nations in the world first Ontario and then Great Britain have the best chance to work themselves into the virtuous circle, if they want to. What we can do to promote this is, in the first place to impregnate the nation with the idea that all wheels of the economic clock are interdependent, that only co-ordinated effect of all can mean prosperity. Sell this idea, broadcast it north, east, south and west, because it is of the greatest importance to every Canadian, born or unborn. Not before this idea is common property can conditions begin to change. Don't for a moment believe that the crisis can be solved by a few Government decisions or an Act of Parliament, but do not forget that every Order-in-Council or Act of Parliament, every law or by-law adopted either by the Dominion, Provincial or Municipal Governments, every resolution or motion by private corporation, societies, unions or association, yes, even every act or gesture or thought of private persons which takes one or more rails off the fence between the urban and the agricultural units means one little step on the ladder to a more intensive agricultural system, and will automatically bring us nearer to the common goal of prosperity all around."