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EDITORIAL

Canada's Increased Gold Production

Gold production from the mines in the Province of Ontario for the first nine months of 1930 had a total value of \$26,213,324, an increase of \$1,480,620 over the production in the corresponding period in 1929. During the nine months under review, ore milled aggregated 2,828,871 tons, compared with 3,012,720 tons for the three-quarters of 1929. The latter figures indicate that average ore values for the current year are running somewhat higher than those of last year. Canada is the third largest producer of gold in the world. South Africa holds first place, and the United States second. The prospects are that it may not be long before Canada overtakes the United States in production of the precious metal. Most of the gold produced in Canada comes from the mines in Northern Ontario, a section of the province also rich in several other kinds of minerals.

It's Easy to Sneer

Many people waste a large amount of reverence on the professional sneerer. When they hear some one sneering at the country's great men, sneering at the human race, sneering at the ideals men have held sacred, they get the idea that a man who has such a poor opinion of everybody and everything must himself be a sort of superman. That is a big mistake. Little men can sneer quite as effectively as great men, and are much more likely to do so. Do not waste any reverence on the professional sneerer. Instead of being a superman, he is generally a poor specimen. Instead of being profound, he is superficial. Instead of being courageous, he is a mercenary seeker for the shekels, for he has capitalized impudence and found it profitable. When Death says to him "That's enough," and the pen drops from his hand, the great things at which he sneered will be found unchanged, unharmed. The only injury he caused, it will appear, was to the souls of those silly enough to listen to him.

A Lesson

The recent trouble that Milton has been experiencing over its last municipal election should prove as a warning to other municipalities which might easily be caught in the same predicament. The election regulations are matters not to be trifled with if the municipalities would save themselves a certain expense and trouble. In any election where the contest is keen and an issue is at stake a small technicality may be discovered and change the whole election, and bring on the issue again. In most elections these items would not be hard to secure. Too often the regulations provided are not strictly observed. Very often the candidates are not thoroughly aware of the stipulations set forth for their compliance. In the excitement of the contest rules that seem mere formalities are forgotten and not observed by people who know full well that they are part of the election code. Milton is no different from many other municipalities in this respect, we would judge. They are in the midst of a rather unpleasant experience, and we believe that if every municipality would take a lesson from this experience and endeavor to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the law and see that they are observed, they could avoid an occurrence of such an annoyance. The election laws have undergone many changes in the past few years. A constant study of these is necessary to keep fully informed. An effort also to make the changes fewer on the part of the Provincial Government would be an aid toward eliminating a lot of the confusion.

Building and Construction in Our Country

Building and construction contracts awarded in Canada in 1930 amounted to \$450,000,000. The 1930 total was 20.7 per cent. less than in 1929, when the total value of contracts was \$576,651,800. It is pointed out that 1929 was the most active year for building that Canada has ever known and was 22.1 per cent. higher than the total in 1928, the second highest year for the value of building ever recorded. The 1930 total is only 3.4 per cent below that for 1928. Of the amount spent for building and construction last year, engineering works accounted for 39.8 per cent.; business establishments, 33.1 per cent.; residential, 20.4 per cent., and industrial plants 6.0 per cent. Canada is certainly not stagnating in the matter of her building and construction programme.

No Time for Alibis

Those who upheld the Bennett regime with all its promises of a cure-all for the sins laid at the door of the late King administration, are now apparently beginning to worry about the meeting of the Brampton Conservator. When the King Government went out of office last August it was apparent that Canada was headed straight for a deficit in national finances for the current year that would approximate \$60,000,000. This meant a reversal of over \$100,000,000 from the \$45,000,000 surplus of 1929-30. No new Government nor any power on earth—could stem the joint tide of world depression and old government inefficiency in eight months. There were definite income reductions to be expected from the shutting off of liquor exports, from tariff changes, from income taxes for 1930. In fact almost every source of federal revenue was badly hit and depressed foreign trade accomplished the rest. Now, at a time when a surplus of funds is most sorely needed for relief and emergency work, funds are lowest. And this journal goes on to wonder how the situation will be met. It was considerable of a puzzle at the time it was put forth, but we thought Mr. Bennett and his colleagues gave assurance that the thing could be done. As we said recently it's the fulfillment of the promises that is most desired, not alibis.

EDITORIAL NOTES

So far we have refrained from a hockey editorial, but judging from the developments of the past week the subject matter is still capable of being written about.

The fears of those who thought we might not have a real Canadian winter are beginning to be allayed now, since the first real snow storms of the season.

This is Thrift Week, and the truest thrift is judicious spending or investment. Study your needs and practise the truest economy this week and every other week.

Whoever it was that said that the winter months were dull must have made the expression before the evenings were taken up with curling, hockey and entertainments.

The Warden of Halton County will be chosen at the meeting of the County Council next Tuesday. Reeve Mason's claim to the honor seems to be now generally conceded as the time draws nearer.

Mr. M. A. James, Senior Editor of the Bowmanville Statesman, celebrated his eighty-third birthday last week. The Free Press joins with scores of others in extending congratulations to this veteran editor.

Election laws, judging from the aftermath of election, seem to be rather loosely observed. The recount in Toronto is bringing about some startling disclosures, and Milton will have to have a complete new election.

In Orillia the press reporters were debarred from part of the proceedings of the Council meeting. This is a condition that is not conducive to the best interests of the community as a whole and shows a decided weakness on the part of the ruling body.

The Cobourg Sentinel-Star last week marked the completion of one hundred years since that paper was first founded. It is planned this year to issue a special centennial number. The Cobourg Sentinel-Star is in the front rank of weekly newspapers to-day.

Ontario brought into operation last year 136,000 horse-power, to lead all Canada in electric extension. The Province of Quebec came next with 122,700 horse-power, followed by British Columbia with 71,000 horse-power; Saskatchewan with 42,000 horse-power; New Brunswick with 21,000 horse-power; and Nova Scotia with 5,100 horse-power.

About \$80,000,000 was spent in Canada in 1930 on hydro-electric power development and installations and it is expected that fully \$300,000,000 will be spent for a similar purpose during the next three years. It is gratifying that our own County of Halton is sharing in this extension of electric power, and especially in the rural districts. The hydro plant here is supplying new power lines to farmers' premises north, west, east and south.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

The family socks are darned, so I can all down with an easy conscience—that is as far as socks are concerned, but it would not do to send my thoughts a-travelling along the road of other undone tasks. Methinks my conscience would be far from easy even if it went no further than unanswered letters. But no, I absolutely refuse to think of unpleasant things—that is until I have to. What a mercy it is our thoughts are within our control.

This week one of our many blessings has been forcibly brought to my attention but I didn't notice it until it wasn't there. Which being explained means that our hard water pipe sprung a leak, and so we had, perforce, to carry water in from outside for all our requirements in the house. There are plenty of farm people who have to do this I know—we had to do it ourselves out in the West—but when we look over this farm the first time we have had this job to do, and I don't like it one little bit. Of course the water pail has a way of being empty each time Partner comes along, or if it isn't empty when he comes in, it is before he goes out, so I can't pose as one of those long suffering women who spend half their waking hours as a water carrier. Of one thing I am certain. If we were in this fix and had a car I should be wanting to sell the car so as to afford the expense of having water piped to the house. I know of one place—miles from here—where there are two cars and a tractor but water is still carried in from outside, and, as an might be expected, the woman on most of the carrying. The plumber is coming on Saturday morning to put in a new length of pipe. Saturday morning—just think of it—but we have waited for nearly a week, so I dare not say it was inconvenient.

To add to our distress, our supply of soft water has also given out, and I have had to melt snow for my washing. Melted snow makes the loveliest, softest water and I would love to use it all the time if it would only come up through the pump.

In between melting snow and carrying water I have been busily employed canning meat. Partner bought a quarter of beef—it was a big animal and the piece we had weighed one hundred and forty-five pounds. About half of it we froze and use as we want it. The other half it is my intention to can for summer use. I have already put down ten sealers and shall probably have about twenty more. My method is to cut the meat into small chunks, put it in the sealers raw with a teaspoonful of salt and no water. The jars are then placed in the boiler with cold water enough to cover, brought to the boil and boiled from three to five hours, according to the size of the sealers. They are then put away in the cellar and forgotten until the busy summer days. When unexpected visitors arrive and we say how glad we are they called the panic stricken thought also strikes up "What shall we have for dinner?" Then it is we remember our canned meat and we are quite happy knowing that jellied beef, with fresh, crisp lettuce is the nicest thing one could wish for on a hot summer's day.

There were four meetings I wanted to go to this week but I was only able to attend one, and that was our Annual Auxiliary. It is always a wonder to me why so many women find amusement in going in connection with any society dull and tedious. Surely the election of officers should be a matter of great interest to every member and instead of being the smallest, as it too often is, the annual meeting should be the largest held during the year. Every time a society dies out there should be an inquest held—probably also times out of the ball and booted from three to five hours, according to the size of the sealers. They are then put away in the cellar and forgotten until the busy summer days. When unexpected visitors arrive and we say how glad we are they called the panic stricken thought also strikes up "What shall we have for dinner?" Then it is we remember our canned meat and we are quite happy knowing that jellied beef, with fresh, crisp lettuce is the nicest thing one could wish for on a hot summer's day.

It might be quite illuminating if each member of any society would answer truthfully, "Why do you belong to this society?" Shall we think about that "why?"—it may help us to a greater interest for the coming year. And what of the work that is being done in our ready to give the best? Of what good appointing officers unless we stay behind them—the captain can't run his ship without the crew. Sometimes what we know ought to be done is not always what we like to do, and the primary purpose of any society is not to give its members a good time. If we do have a good time that is incidental and more likely to happen if we keep awake and take a keen interest in whatever work is in progress. Kipling says: "The game is more than the player of the game, And the ship is more than the crew!" What a world of truth in two short lines and how applicable both to public life and in the home!

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THE CLOISTERED LIFE

Latin teacher in a girls' boarding school: "Basil, what person is this verb?" Basil (hopefully): "Masculline, person!" Teacher (tr-depair): "I never heard of a masculline person in my life!"

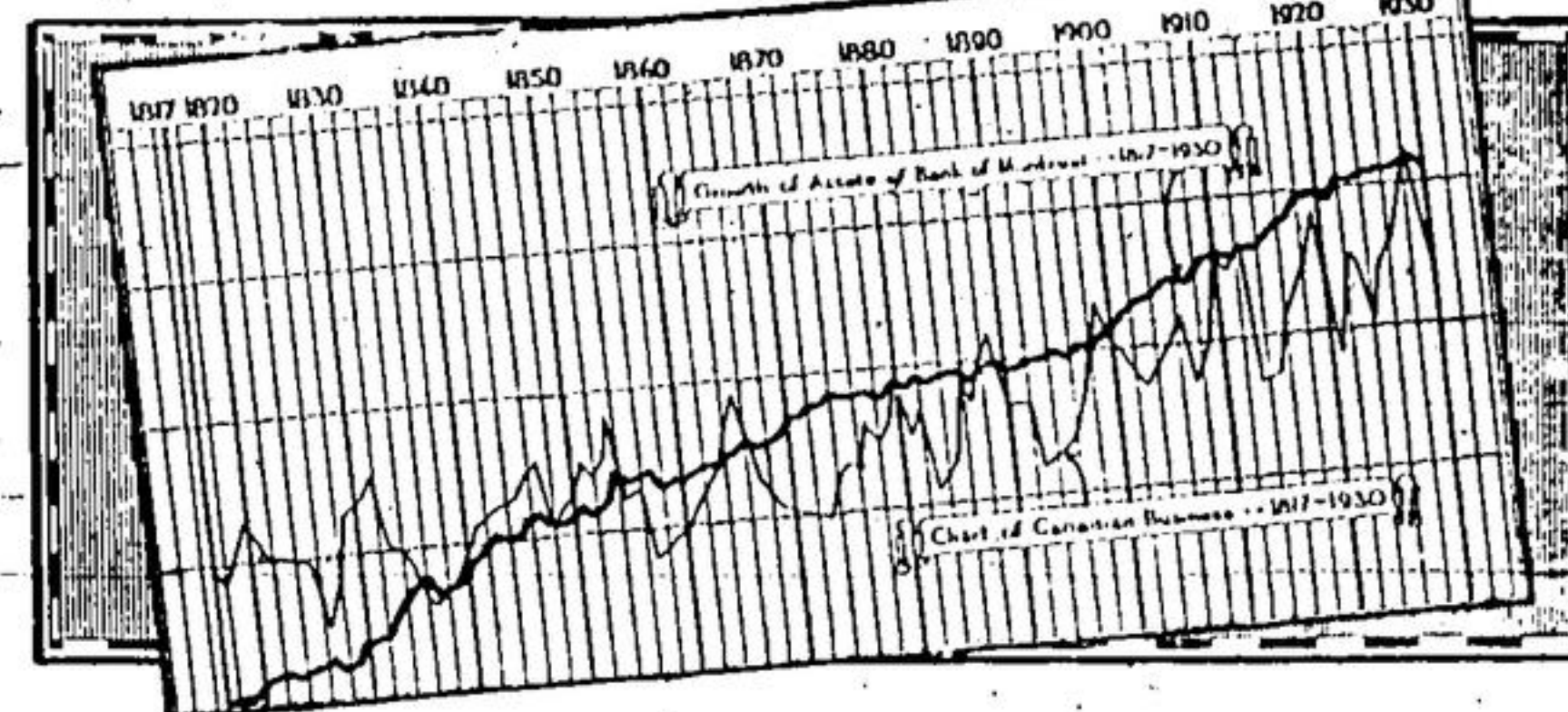
RUST CONTROL

One of the most useful publications which has been published by the Federal Department of Agriculture recently is the Fifth in the series of studies in plant diseases being carried out under the direction of the Dominion Botanist. This study deals with "Control Methods for diseases of cereal, forage and fibre crops." It contains the latest findings

of the Dominion Research Laboratories of plant pathology at Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Edmonton. The subjects dealt with include not only general rules useful in the control and eradication of cereal diseases, but specific recommendations for the treatment of a wide variety of specific cereal diseases. The crops dealt with include wheat, oats, barley, rye, corn, millet, flax, sunflowers, alfalfa, sweet clover and common clover. This circular, No. 123 New Series, is available without charge on application to the Publications Branch of the Department at Ottawa.

SKRITIC'S ARGUMENT

Little Man, four years old, when told that a noise from the cellar was a burglar, replied: "Oh, but I don't believe in burglars."



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