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Canadian Poultry Industry Increasing

Canada's poultry industry is one of the phases of agricultural activity which is forging steadily ahead. The poultry population of hens and chickens for 1930 numbered 56,247,000. This represents an increase of one million birds over 1929 and is in marked contrast with the total of 12,696,701 of 1891. Present indications are that Canada's poultry population for the present year will be practically five times what it was forty years ago.

Not the Time for Costly Experimenting

Judging from the reports from various municipalities throughout the County, the new Health Unit proposed to be tried out experimentally in Halton, met with little favor when it was considered by the County Council. Numbers of Councils urged their representatives to oppose the measure when it came up for discussion, and are strengthening the position of the Reeves by forwarding resolutions to the County body. It is pretty generally felt that the new system would be less efficient than the present system, through its loss of close contact in the various sections. Another item that foams against the experiment is the cost that each municipality would be called upon to share. At the present time every legislative body, municipal, county, provincial and dominion, is facing deficits which can only be surmounted by increased taxation and a lowering of expenditure. No matter what amount of the estimate of \$20,000 is assumed by the provincial department the ratepayers have at last come to the realization that in the long run they pay the "whole shot." It would therefore appear that the present was not the most opportune time for the Health Unit experiment and the matter will likely get little sympathy from any bodies in the County.

Competition Worth While

Many of the smaller towns in the Northern Hockey League view as unfair the action of clubs that have been eliminated in the O. H. A. groups coming in and battling for senior honors in the N. H. L. after having taken no interest in the group earlier in the season. They feel justified in making a rule barring players who have participated in another league from playing in the Northern League. And the objection would seem to be well taken. On the other hand many of the smaller communities who have striven through their O. H. A. groups feel that they are unfairly matched when they are forced to play against the cities with ten and many more times the population. There are many arguments on both sides of these questions and undoubtedly they have been threshed out by the executives of both leagues. While it may seem unfair to be matched against opponents who may seem to have superior advantages, still the harder competition but brings on a keener strife for the honors and if they are won a greater satisfaction of having achieved a real accomplishment. The N. H. L. town that defeats a team that has made a good showing in the O. H. A., and likewise the community supporting an O. H. A. team that defeats the representatives from the city, has striven for an object worth while. The odds may be heavy against success but if achievement is made against the odds the accomplishment is all the more meritorious.

The Cemetery Board Asks Co-operation

The Cemetery Board, recently appointed by the Council, has been quietly at work during the past few months, rounding matters into shape for work in maintaining Fairview Cemetery. The first outward evidence of their activity was the purchase of an adjoining property for burial purposes. Now they have systematically arranged a general meeting of the plot-owners for next Tuesday evening, to discuss plans and receive suggestions. For many years there has been an insistent demand for more permanent upkeep of this sacred spot. It is therefore very commendable that at the outset the Board should take the plot-owners and citizens into their confidence and ask for their suggestions, inviting general discussion. The citizens may in turn show their appreciation most by attending the meeting in a helpful constructive mood and voice their ideas and suggestions at the meeting and not at a later date in a round-about manner that is bound not to be interpreted properly. Meetings are not arranged without a good deal of effort on the part of someone. The new Board will undoubtedly be greatly encouraged in the work they have undertaken from a purely citizenship standpoint if a representative meeting attends next Tuesday.

Balancing the Budget via Whiskey

Once again whiskey is being called upon to balance the Provincial budget. Facing a deficit of \$2,670,000 for 1931, liquor prices were increased last week with a view to bringing in \$2,500,000 of additional revenue. A net revenue to the Government last year from liquor sales was \$7,495,000, and it is this year with the increases estimated to reach \$10,000,000. And thus each year the Government becomes more strongly allied with and dependent upon the liquor traffic for the revenues to meet its increasing expenditures. No mention is made of a reduction in salaries of the Liquor Control Board or its officials in an endeavor to raise the funds necessary. Having a monopoly on the sale, it is quite easy to control the price. But one wonders many times at what a cost this balancing of the budget is being secured, if it will be in the interests of the good and welfare of Ontario and its people. It is an experiment the cost of which it is yet too early to estimate. There is one thing certain, that it has lowered the standard of the morals of the people. A drunk individual is regarded more tolerantly to-day by officials and citizens than he was under the prohibition measures. Drinking is not held in the same abhorrence. The budget may be balanced by the liquor prices. The result of the experiment may be paid for dearly by this and other generations.

More Tourists Last Year in Ontario

Official figures released for publication last week from the office of C. C. Hele, Director of Publicity for Ontario, reveal that 659,103 more tourist cars entered this Province during 1930 than came in during 1929. Of the 4,164,603 machines on tourist pleasure bent which crossed the forty-ninth parallel last year from the United States of America, 3,470,589 were admitted for 24-hour periods, 693,607 for stays not exceeding 60 days, and 407 for holidays ranging from two to six months. Figures for the various parts of entry to the Province are as follows: Aultsville, 740 one-day cars, and 3,569, two months' visitors; Bridgeburg, 1,080,497 of the first class and 167,541 of the second; Brockville, 4,768 and 9,019; Cobourg, 136 of the second class; Courtright, 2,764 and 994; Fort Frances, 31,383 and 2,040; Fort William, 77 of the second class; Gananoque, 3 and 5,647; Kingston, 10 and 846; Morrisburg, 1,174 and 2,425; Niagara Falls, 51,311 and 175,722; Pigeon River, 365 and 11,106; Port Arthur, 5 and 2; Port Dover, 3,152 of the second class; Port Lambton, 5,243 and 1,644; Port Stanley, 16 and 1,546; Prescott, 12,581 and 13,008; Rainy River, 1,612 and 517; Rockport, 140 and 5,516; Sarnia, 37,862 and 52,720; Sault Ste. Marie, 16,832 and 6,516; Sombra, 3,706 and 825; Toronto, 397 of the second class; Walkerville, 103,240 and 22,176; Walpole Island, 1,655 and 256; and Windsor, 1,224,248 and 206,104.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It matters little what sort of name a club in a community goes under. The work of uplift and good accomplished for the welfare of all is the finest example of its usefulness.

What does it matter, after all, That some have more and others less Men often give their best and fall, And die and never knew success.

Haileybury has raised the transient traders' license to \$400 from \$150. In Kirkland Lake the fee is \$200. And yet we doubt if these high fees makes the transient traders' law any more effective than where it is lower.

A Brantford reader notes that, in addition to Sir Adam Beck, the famous Rookwood Academy had such other distinguished graduates as James J. Hill, afterward a great railway figure in the United States, and Hon. A. S. Hardy, who became Premier of Ontario after the retirement of Sir Oliver Mowat. — The Globe.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

Once upon a time there was a little boy; he was a nice, well-behaved little boy and always very anxious to do anything to help his mother, whom he dearly loved. One day in the Fall mother had been busy washing for many hours. An evening approached. The little boy knew that his mother was very tired and in his well-meaning little heart he wondered what he could do to help her. The snow white sheets and table linen flapped playfully in the breeze and Sonny gleefully tried to catch them as he passed. He noticed that they were dry and the thought suddenly struck him that to get the washing off the line and into the house would be a splendid way to help mother. First he got a box and by standing upon it and grabbing at the sheets and tablecloths he managed to get them off the line. Struggling manfully along with a great armful of washing above which he could hardly see, and trailing the end of it behind him in the mud, which a recent rain had left, the little chap courageously made his way to the kitchen. "Look, Mummy, me help you—me got your washing in!"

Did the tired mother scold him? No, she took the little lad upon her knee and explained to him that good intentions were useless unless carried out in such a way as to benefit those whom we wish to befriend. Now for another little story. Once upon a time, there was a very bad snow storm and 'old timers' declared they had not seen as much snow fall at one time for a good many years. The lanes leading up to all the farms were badly filled in as were the side roads and many places on the main roads. Farmers shipping milk were obliged to take their cans to meet the truck at the highway. No car or truck could possibly get along the snow-filled roads—it was even hard for horses. This was on the first day. On the second day the trail had been broken, the snow had packed down nicely and except in odd places there was promise of good sleighing once again as long as the snow lasted. But there was a certain body of gentlemen who go by the name of the County Council, and these gentlemen presumably awake to the fact that there had been a prodigious fall of snow. Evidently in their well meaning little hearts they felt that Mother Nature had made a mess of things and it was their job to help her out especially as such a quantity of snow on the roads was a great inconvenience to them. They possibly realized that the farmers work hard, pay big money in taxes and it was only right that the money should be wisely spent and something done to help the farmer. So they put the big grader to work on the roads—up and down, up and down she went and did her work so efficiently that in two days there was no snow left on the roads at all except on either side where there were great banks of lumpy churned up snow.

During the ensuing week many farmers were obliged to go to town for chop. Each one hitched a team to his sleigh and drove with ease over the hard packed snowdrifts in his own lane. At the road gate he finds he has started out on what appears to be an obstacle race. The horses climb the hill of snow left by the grader and plunge, separately, over the peak of it on to the road below; the farmer breathing a silent prayer for the safety of the eggs in the front of the sleigh. Once on the road the poor horses strain their sinews dragging along the sleigh over the bare ground with its heavy load of grain to be chipped at the mill. Does the weary farmer scold the County Council? He it said to his credit—he does not. But he feels like writing the C. C. individually across his knees—explains to them that good intentions are useless unless carried out in such a way as to benefit those whom they wish to befriend.

If his remarks are taken in the right spirit he might go on to suggest that the grader could be utilized to great advantage if used with discretion but like the little boy with his mother's washing, it is better left alone unless handled properly. Possibly the grader might be regarded in such a way as to leave snow enough on the roads thus making it possible for cars, trucks, sleighs and cutters to travel in comfort or if it is really desirable that only wheeled traffic be allowed then perhaps the County Council might further extend their good intentions and order their road machine to grade all lanes leading on to roads thus graded, thereby making it possible for the farmer once more to use his car and wagon, which, under present conditions, are about as useful to him as a boat on the sands with the tide gone out!

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Fashions for Smart Women



LITTLE GIRLS' ENSEMBLE

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PERHAPS A KITTEN

Stage Manager—"All right, run up the curtain." Green Stagehand—"Say, whatcha think I am—a squirrel?"

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