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**EDITORIAL**

We Welcome Them Also.

In a letter to the editor, last week, a writer expressed the opinion that he would like to see more letters from readers on subjects of concern to the public. We would also gladly welcome these contributions, giving, as they do, the viewpoints of other citizens. As long as the matter is one of public concern and not a personal item, the general reading public are usually very glad to read these articles, and from them men in office can often form an idea of public opinion and are guided to some extent in their efforts to serve the public. Our columns are always open to letters of the type described. But remember, they must be signed by the writer's name, which may be withheld from publication, if desired.

**Not in Dollars and Cents**

In the matter of public service Sir Josiah Stamp has set an example in his refusal to accept payment for his work on the Stamp Commission. Recognized as one of the world's most able economists, Parliamentarians had been discussing the probability of an account of \$50,000. But Sir Josiah sailed home, passing the matter off as one of neighborly service. Some way or other such acts seem to reach a little deeper, and be suggestive of better feelings than the tariff impost and the grasping of each to enrich himself. Or even the Empire parleys, which appear on the outside to be little more than a juggling of each group to advance their own interests at the expense of the other fellow. Payment in dollars and cents is not the whole ambition of the greatest minds and Sir Josiah Stamp has set an example that is worth more than the pecuniary value placed on his services.

**Two Sides to the Question**

A short time ago we received quite an amount of literature, opposing the government control of radio in Canada. Some of it we endeavored to digest, and in fact it might have all been assimilated, as the argument was well put from the side of private ownership—but for the fact that we have a radio in the home. Every time we strove for an evening's entertainment, or a mere hour's pleasure the thought kept cropping up; could government control be any worse than the conglomeration we were receiving. Naturally, when we had the opportunity of meeting Sir Harry Brittain on his recent visit to Acton, one of our questions was on the success with which government control of radio was meeting with in England. He was loud in his praise of the government system in opposition to the privately controlled programmes. He pointed out that with the fee collected by the government such splendid programmes were procured that those that might be secured by private enterprise were not to be compared for quality. Sir Harry Brittain seemed to feel that on this side of the ocean we had a mistaken conception of the system of government radio control as it applied in England. It was most interesting to hear from the other point of view. Certainly the present use and abuse of the air by the programmes supplied is not conducive to the investment of any great amount in a machine to gather the programmes. We felt, after our interrogation of the distinguished visitor, from the Old Land, that if Canada had any desire at improvement in radio the system of government ownership of the stations and control of the programmes might well be considered as an advanced step.

**Expensive Comedy**

About the most comical comment we noted on the Bennett Budget was the Mail and Empire's editorial, headed "Second Thoughts on a Constructive Budget." The opening sentence of this item ran: "In considering the Budget the public should remember that Mr. Mackenzie King is largely responsible for the deficit of \$75,000,000 for the year ending March 31, 1931, though the world depression is also partly responsible." And the article ran on excusing the necessity for the imposition of taxes. But that opening sentence supplied enough humor without going further with the article. The Budget and all legislation is apparently most considered as it affects political parties rather than the welfare of the Dominion. Now we suppose the debate will hinge on what might have been possible if Mr. Bennett had been in power four years, previously and the opposition will point out that if they weren't where they are conditions in Canada would be what they aren't. The average Dutchman will understand that way of putting it, and the average taxpayer could applaud the acts with a full appreciation of the comedy afforded if he wasn't occupying a seat at the show that was more than he could afford.

**They Must Be Observed**

Brampton Council recently inaugurated a good plan by circulating cards bearing the Brampton traffic regulations in condensed form, in an effort to make the streets safe for pedestrians and automobiles. The Conservator, in commenting on the action of the Council, says: "More rigid traffic control, especially in the centre of the town, will become increasingly necessary with the approach of summer and town officials are hoping that the town and district motorists will continue to fully respect traffic regulations and make police court episodes as few as possible." No community desires to make itself known as being unduly severe in regulating traffic rules, but for the general safety of the public they must be observed. The circulating of the rules to all will make a polite approach and an intimation that the law must be observed. It will also do away with the alibi that the culprit was in ignorance of the provisions required of him. While in Toronto the other day it was noted that the pedestrians, who have been constantly ignoring the traffic signals and dodging across the street when the opportunity afforded, were being checked up by the police. At the down town corners a couple of stalwart cops were stationed who were enforcing the commands of the red and green lights. It was no hardship to anyone and traffic was moving in orderly fashion. Firmness and ordinary intelligence are necessary and they must be procured to cope with present day traffic problems.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Cheer up! By the time the Budget is adjusted around to suit the various needs it may not be so bad, after all.

Not having a large millionaire class in Acton and vicinity the praise for the recent Bennett Budget is very meagre locally. Our benefits (?) are rather outweighed by the taxes imposed.

The Press Association of Wellington, Dufferin and Perth will meet at Grand Valley in convention to-morrow when many points of interest to weekly newspaper publishers will be discussed.

After all, a mill on the taxes only means an added dollar on a thousand of assessment. And to the average citizen not over a couple of dollars. Sometimes it almost gets magnified until it assumes extraordinary proportions.

It is now examination time at the schools and throughout the month of June in the various departments of High and Public School the pupils will meet the tests for which preparation has been made during the school year.

Another prominent weekly newspaper has removed all advertisements from the front page and given them position on other pages. The St. Mary's Journal-Argus appeared with this altered appearance last week. In direct contrast, we noted that the Bracebridge Gazette had a solid front page of advertising with no reading matter at all.

The Mail and Empire undoubtedly believes that to the victor belongs the spoils when it says: "We do not know how the thing can be worked out, but it is manifestly reasonable to require that American firms establishing Canadian plants as a result of the Bennett tariff should locate in constituencies which are supporters of Mr. Bennett." Why, may we ask, was not some provision made for this in the Budget?

The information given in the Globe the other morning that the stock brokers and men who defrauded the public out of millions of dollars are given preferred positions in a beautiful farming scheme doesn't relieve the feelings of the losers in the market any. Jail sentences are presumably for punishment and ease and luxury may be carried too far as well as severity of punishment. These are surely the days of favoritism to the rich man. But one has to be very rich to comb within the favored circle.

**Chronicles of Ginger Farm**

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

"Ah, Lazel could thou and I with fate conspire To grasp this sorry scheme of Thibes' entree. Wouldst thou not rather it to bits—and then re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire!"

The above verse, from the tragedy of Omar Khayyam, is one that often comes to my mind. Supposing, just supposing, we could take this world about us and re-mould it nearer to the heart's desire. Suppose we could arrange things entirely to please ourselves, how would we set to work? Would we should hatch out some bright ideas, but how long would they please us? Little things like bringing out a political budget would sink into insignificance if we had the arranging of the universe on our shoulders.

As I said before, I often think of this verse and wonder and the thing that set me wondering to-night was a mosquito, and on the next morning, helped himself to a generous meal of my expense. It did occur to me that if I had anything to do with this little-jaw of re-moulding I should most certainly leave mosquitoes definitely out of the scheme of things. When we consider, even to our meagre understanding, how perfect is nature's plan, then we are almost afraid to criticize, but yet we cannot help but wonder why our enemy, the mosquito, was ever created. Or if he had to be created, why wasn't he made a vegetarian? As vegetarians, we might welcome the little dears, in fact, on a hot night, if they came by the million as they do now whenever we try to garden in the cool of the evening, we might like to have them about us, their wings causing the air to circulate.

There is another little matter which has given me food for thought, and it is this well-known expression, when speaking of any form of work or exercise, "It is splendid for bringing your muscles into play." Well now, the last few days I have pushed and otherwise propelled, our time-worn lawn mower for a few dozen miles, more or less; I have done some strenuous digging and so on for the purpose of getting a new flower bed; I have led the horse on the scuffler and almost had my arm pulled from the socket in endeavoring to keep him from going through the rows on the run. I have chased the hens from one end of the farm yard back again, and every muscle I possess has been used, but play—well they don't exactly feel they have been playing—do I am still wondering how the expression originated—probably from some facetious onlooker at another fellow's activities.

Speaking of gardens makes me think of still another expression or proverb—"Other people's gardens are always better than our own." Last week I visited at a farm which was far, far better than our own, and oh dear! for quite a little while I had a fit of the blues of the deepest indigo imaginable. This place showed evidence that time, thought and money had been most wisely spent upon it. Here was comfort, good management and congenial family life. The house was beautifully furnished, the grounds nicely laid out and yet it was a typical farm house. There was no attempt made to shut out farm life. Chickens were not very far away, cattle were grazing in a field close by, a team and wagon came rattling through the line while we were visiting and the hum of the house was in his shirt sleeves. These good people had been farming for good many years and by dint of much hard work and wise spending of money this earned had managed to provide themselves with such a home and surroundings as many a city person might envy. They deserve the greatest credit for what they have done and far be it from me to envy them their hard-earned comfort but, at the same time I could not help making comparisons and the comparisons were not very comfortable. What chances have farmers these days to improve their homes and their farms in the way these people had been able to do? The balance over and above a fair yearly tax, the net result of a fair price on farm produce, would go a long way towards helping the farmer in improving his holdings and providing such comfort for his family as they desire. But instead of improvements, what do we see? Farms going to rack and ruin for lack of capital, farmers handicapped in their

work through inefficient machinery, children taking a dislike to farm life because to them it represents hard work and very little comfort, women discouraged, and disillusioned. All this because we cannot get a fair price for what we produce, and then, on top of all this, comes the Budget! Ah, well, all we can do is adopt Mr. Asquith's policy. "Wait and see!"

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 15, 1911

Mr. George Caswell is building a house on Gene Street. Public holiday next, Thursday—Coronation Day.

Mr. J. H. Denny has the brickwork of his new double house on Wellington Street—well advanced.

The Ladies' Aid of Union Methodist Church will give an ice cream social at the Church. Refreshments will be served on the lawn and an excellent programme provided.

Expert carpet men will convene today to put down a new carpet in Knox Church. The carpet is a first class wool of most excellent design, crimson and black in color. Four hundred yards are required. Messrs. Henderson and Co. of the Glasgow House, have supplied the carpet.

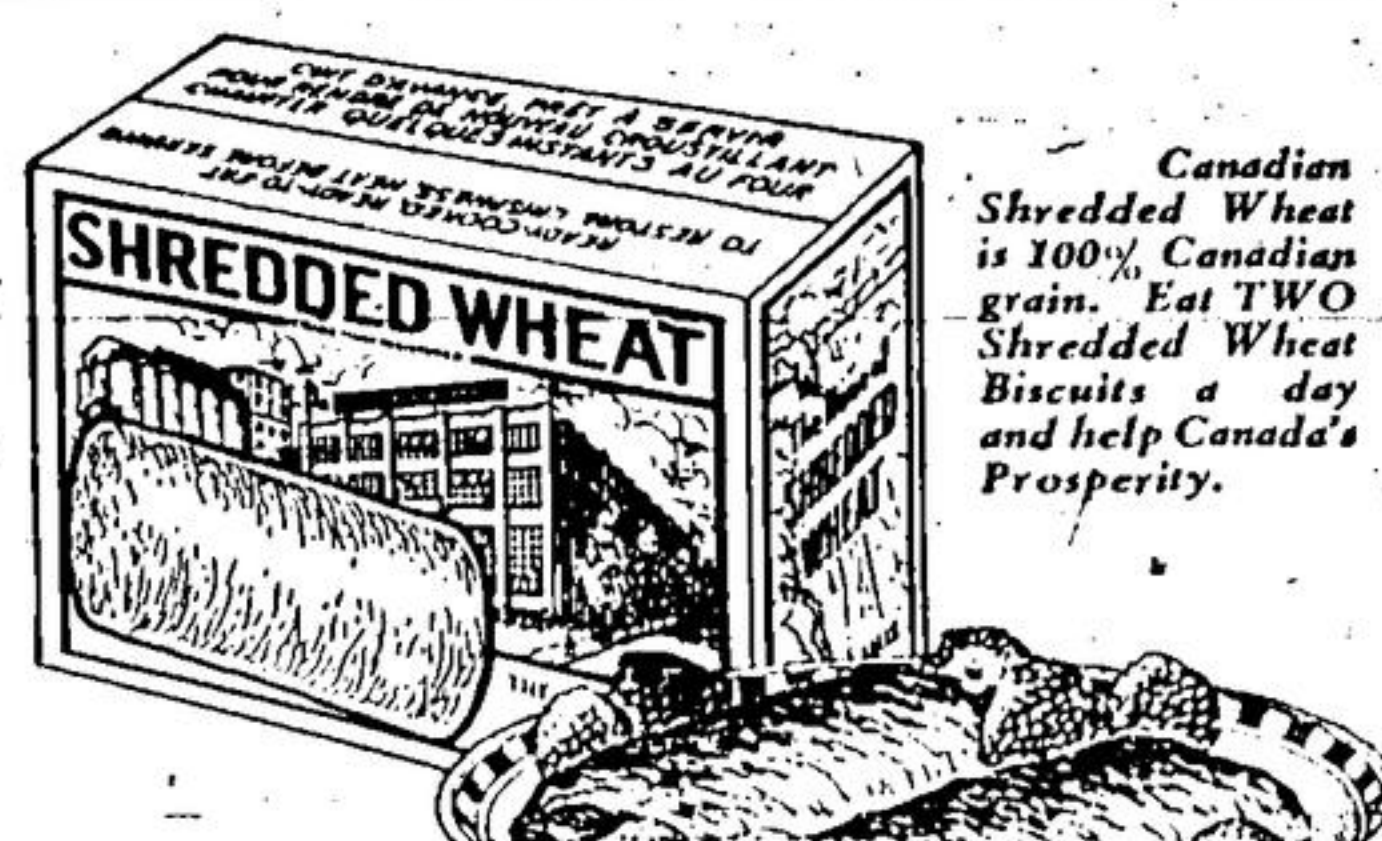
Preliminary to putting in the new bridge on Mill Street at the old mill, Messrs. Beardmore & Co. at the solicitation of Reeve Hynds, decided to repair and strengthen the dam which at our point was leaking and damaging the roadway. A gang of ten or twelve men with teams are at work. The new bridge will be raised three or four feet and the filling in to this height will very materially improve this piece of road and reduce the grade to a large extent.

On Sunday afternoon at four o'clock the members of Acton Lodge of Woodmen paraded from their lodge room to Fairview Cemetery and decorated the graves of their deceased brethren. In the evening they attended the annual sermon by Rev. P. G. Burrell, B. A. in the Baptist Church.

The proposal to organize a "Boat Club" for Acton is favorable by citizens who are anxious for Acton's progress.

**FAITHFUL FRIEND**

Doctor—"Are you taking the medicine regularly?"  
Patient—"I lacked it and decided that I'd rather have the cough."



Canadian Shredded Wheat is 100% Canadian grain. Eat TWO Shredded Wheat Biscuits a day and help Canada's Prosperity.

**"My mother lets me get breakfast"**

"I can do it easily, too, because we always have Shredded Wheat. Of course, Mother makes the toast and Daddy's coffee—they're much harder to get than Shredded Wheat. She lets me put strawberries on the biscuits now, and you should see how all of us clean up our cereal dishes!"



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**SHREDDED WHEAT**

WITH ALL THE BRAN OF THE WHOLE WHEAT

If You Expect to Sell You Must Advertise

**Carroll's** New Store in London, Ont. 110 STORES

Special—Wagstaff's  
**Cherry Jam** 40-oz. jar **33c**

Special—Carroll's Famous 30c Value  
**Old Cheese** 2 lbs. **45c**

Special—Harry Home's De Luxe  
**JELLY Powders** 6 Pkgs. **25c**

Special—Libby's <b>BEANS</b> with Pork 3 No. 2 tins <b>23c</b>	Special—McCormick's <b>Fig Fingers</b> 2 lbs. <b>31c</b>
Maple Leaf Brand <b>PEAS</b> Selva 3 No. 2 tins <b>27c</b>	Special—Aylmer Choice Quality <b>Pumpkin</b> 3 No. 2 tins <b>25c</b>
Lynn Valley Brand <b>Tomatoes</b> 4 No. 2 tins <b>29c</b>	Special—Eagle Brand <b>Blueberries</b> 2 No. 2 tins <b>21c</b>
Thistle Sweet <b>CORN</b> 2 No. 2 tins <b>23c</b>	Aylmer Red Pitted <b>Cherries</b> 2 No. 2 tins <b>35c</b>
New Stomachic <b>DATES</b> 2 pounds <b>25c</b>	Kraft Kitchen-Fresh <b>MAYONNAISE</b> 8-oz. Jar <b>23c</b>
Sun-Maid Santa Clara <b>PRUNES</b> Special 3 lbs. <b>21c</b>	Blue Ribbon Salad <b>MAYONNAISE</b> 3 1/2-oz. Jar <b>14c</b>
Extra Choice Dried <b>PEACHES</b> Special 2 lbs. <b>29c</b>	Crisson's Pure French <b>OLIVE OIL</b> 4-oz. bot. <b>21c</b>
Mission <b>BLACK FIGS</b> Special 2 lbs. <b>29c</b>	Keen's English <b>MUSTARD</b> 2-oz. tin <b>14c</b>
Special—Carroll's <b>CLEANSER</b> 2 tins 13c	Special—Patric's <b>SARDINES</b> 2 tins <b>27c</b>
Special—Fels Naphtha <b>SOAP</b> 3 bars <b>19c</b>	Kittie Pink <b>SALMON</b> 2 1-lb. tins <b>25c</b>
	Victory Red-Coboe <b>SALMON</b> 1-lb. tin <b>23c</b>
	Beaver Brand <b>LOBSTER</b> Small tin <b>21c</b>
	Crosse and Blackwell's <b>FRUIT CUP</b> 13-oz. bottle <b>30c</b>
	McLaren's Assorted <b>PUNCH</b> 13-oz. bottle <b>25c</b>
	Vase Dry <b>GINGER ALE</b> Contents 6 bottles, <b>30c</b>
	Klovah <b>LEMONADE</b> Powder 1g. tin <b>22c</b>

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S. O. S. per pkg. **14c**

SPECIAL: 6 White Cups, 6 White Saucers, 10 bars of **COMFORT SOAP** All for **79c**

**GILLEX** per pkg. **10c**

LARGE ORANGES per dozen	55c	BANANAS per dozen	25c, 30c, 35c
MEDIUM ORANGES per dozen	32c	3 CARROTS Bunches for	25c
SMALL ORANGES per dozen	20c	2 LEAF LETTUCE Bunches for	15c
LEMONS per dozen	23c	5 NEW POTATOES 5 lbs. for	25c

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