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EDITORIAL

A Decrease in Industrial Accidents

There were 4,594 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of August, as compared with 4,945 during July. The fatal accidents during August numbered 34, as against 28 in July. The total benefits awarded during August amounted to \$416,246.38, \$350,747.57 of this being for compensation and \$65,498.81 for medical aid, as compared with \$4,342,325.92 awarded in benefits during July. This year's record to date shows 35,472 reported accidents as compared with 48,277 for the same period of 1930, and total benefits awarded \$3,080,287.88, as against \$4,946,835.23 to the end of August, 1930.

All Ready for 1931 Fair

By next week at this time, Acton Fall Fair will have passed into history again for 1931. It is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Always striving to make each year's fair greater than the past has put Acton foremost among the rural fairs of the Province, and to-day it occupies a high ranking when rural fairs are under discussion. This year has proven that same desire uppermost of providing its patrons with an outstanding event. From President Waldie right down through the complete set of officers, enthusiasm and work for Acton Fair has occupied more than leisure moments, the past few months. And next week they have ready for presentation events that they feel will mark 1931 as another year of success in the fair annals. On every side they have met with encouragement in their efforts and now at this date, with the final preparations taking place, it would seem that with fine weather prevailing Acton Fair would strike a new high level in all departments. It is a community work that is remunerated only by a satisfaction of a duty well performed, but around Acton none will say that rural fairs are decreasing in popularity and the event next week is eagerly anticipated by residents of a wide area.

If the Scheme is to Function

The announcement last week by Hon. W. G. Martin, Minister of Public Welfare, that the Ontario Government would make a saving of \$150,000 or more as a result of the recent province-wide inspection into the Old Age Pension system, reveals that many abuses must have been perpetrated. Ontario has 30,000 pensioners, which is more than all the other provinces combined. Following the investigation, provinces have been cancelled and reduced in many instances and thousands of dollars have been refunded to the governments. The Old Age Pensions were primarily instituted to help the aged folk who were in need of assistance in declining years. It is regrettable that there has crept in that spirit of trickery and means been employed to secure pensions that are not deserving and have been proven fraudulent. Such methods will only tend to deprive deserving cases of this help that was inaugurated for the relief of want and distress. Canada cannot stand the financial strain of providing for individuals who have means of their own for support, but does not desire to witness age in distress and poverty. The checking up of the Government is to be commended. A constant checking of the pensions would be advisable and a strict scrutiny of all cases to see that only the deserving ones are included in the scheme.

An Opportune Work

The action of the Acton Council in last week passing a resolution urging the construction of the connecting highway between Milton and Acton—will commend itself to all. Of any work that is to be undertaken as a relief measure in this section, this road would seem the most logical construction. It would fill in this gap between two highways, making both of them of greater service as well as accommodate the country lying along the route. This road has been designated as the most logical construction job when highways were to be built in this county, and now would seem to be the opportune time for such work. Besides providing work for many unemployed, the highway could now be constructed at a lower cost than at any previous time, and would, therefore, be a saving to the ratepayers. Much government assistance could undoubtedly also be secured if the work were put in hand.

Always Advancing

In one of our exchanges last week we noted an item declaring that local news was scarce, owing to the fact that the Canadian National Exhibition was occupying the limelight. There are in Acton many local happenings, in spite of the Exhibition, but it is undoubtedly the centre of attraction just at this time. On three different occasions since its opening the editor has had the privilege of attending this great event this year, so we can readily coincide with the statement that the fair is occupying much attention. One wonders that each year it proves such a magnet as many of the things shown are a repetition of previous years, but in any visit in any year this great fair has never failed to give of something new and make the visit advantageous. If the Exhibition had done nothing more this year than bring to Canada the famous St. Hilda's Band from England, it would have achieved a notable accomplishment. To lovers of music this band of musicians has been a rare treat and a marvel when its achievement with all brass instruments as compared with the bands of reed and brass make-up. Every day St. Hilda's Band have played to applauding crowds from the main stand. But the Exhibition does not cater to only lovers of music and at this great show every person can seemingly find that which is of interest to him or her. In its growth and development it seems to have catered to all classes. It seems but a few years since a crowd of 100,000 people on Labor Day taxed the grounds to capacity, and yet this year 230,000 were there on that single day and it was possible to enjoy many features although the midway was not attempted. A frame building on the northwest side of the grounds, that was one of the centres of attraction, known as the machinery hall a few years ago, is now used for nothing but storage purposes. The horses are housed in a palatial building, and gone are the old sheds where it was inconvenient to view this part of the show. Wherever one went the growth and improvement is seen every year. This programme of progress must be the reason for the interest this event occasions each year. It is seemingly this that makes many feel that they must attend and get enjoyment in face of things that may seem to be there each year. Perhaps this is the excuse for the three visits of the editor in one year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

As the ice man makes his exit, the coal man makes his entry. It keeps one busy endeavoring to obtain a moderate temperature.

Now we are into the fall season; with the fall fairs being the centres of attraction. Acton heads the list locally, next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The apple crop of Canada this year is expected to amount to 3,629,300 barrels as compared with 3,411,000 last year, and 3,270,684 for the five-year average.

No liquor or firearms will be allowed in the relief work camps of Northern Ontario. Prohibition of dangerous elements is usually found advisable in times of stress.

It is just as easy to form a good habit as it is to form a bad one. And it is just as hard to break a good habit as a bad one. So get the good ones and keep them.—McKinley.

George Young staged a magnificent comeback and proved that he had real swimming ability. He re-instated himself again in the public's favor, but that is a fickle position to maintain.

Canada's exports of wheat for the crop year ended July 31 are given by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at 228,480,403 bushels as against 155,760,100 bushels in the previous twelve months.

Acton seems to be able to maintain success at tug-of-war against all comers. With two teams entered this year, the Industrial and Dominion-Championships come to Acton again after a reverse last year at the Exhibition.

The Georgetown Band are certainly to be congratulated on the win they made at the Canadian National Exhibition. The Bandmaster and the organization are deserving of much credit for the topping of the list on their first entry into the event.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Free Press by
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

It's a wonderful Exhibition this year—simply marvelous. The new building is a priceless piece of architecture and the exhibits are the best ever. The crowds are immense as usual and the only fault we really have to find with the whole performance is that we haven't been there! True, we did have an invitation about ten-thirty one night to go to the Exhibition the next day, but upon consulting our engagement list, Partner discovered he had been invited to three carnivals on that particular day. Of course he might have hired three men for the three separate carnivals but being an ordinary farmer he is not able to indulge in extravaganzas on a wholesale scale. Too bad—too bad, we might weep bitter tears of disappointment had we time to think about it, but as far as we have managed to keep about heart—and after all there is still the COUNTY FAIR to look forward to and the entrance fee to it is only ten cents more than the Exhibition.

This has been one busy week, what with thrashings, starting the children off to school and pickling and canning. Never again shall I agree with the poet who says, "Tears, idle tears, I know not what they mean." Anyone who has tackled a few dozen onions at one stretch knows very well the meaning of tears. You hold each one at arm's length or a little further and you work on and on through every fresh rip of the onion skin brings fresh agony to eyes already half-blinded and smarting with pain. It is then you envy the business woman—the typist taking down letters from a good-humored employer, the clerk in a store serving all kinds of nice things to all kinds of nice people, or the teacher, handing out words of wisdom to little darling children all day long. Yes, when it comes to pickling time, housekeeping is not much fun, the only thing we can do is to thank our lucky stars we don't work in a pickle factory!

Oh the onion! Has nature no antidote for this merciless product of the earth? There must be, surely there must be, something to counteract its power? I have tried sleeping the wretched things in boiling water, peeling over a hot fire and decortating the end of the paring knife with a piece of raw potato. All these remedies I have been told are sure to prevent hall marks of grief, but alas, never a one have I found to be one scrap of good. What a priceless chance for some brainy inventor—how long will it be before we see some nice little contraption and read entrancing advertisements in connection with it. "Skip's Onion Slicer—guaranteed to peel and deodorize in one operation. Housewives are now able to do this excellent device to make pickles in the forenoon and play bridge without embarrassment in the afternoon. Farmers' wives now serve afternoon tea with hands that appear to have been treated at a beauty parlor. Sold plain, or fitted with "Skip's Special Atomizer" for brightening the eyes while working!"

There you are readers, there's the suggestion—surely someone will take it up? Meanwhile, we farmers' wives will hopefully scan the advertisements for startling discoveries.

And now to be serious. Early this week I was shocked, as so many others must have been, to read of that terrible fire which almost wiped out a whole village and you will remember that innocent author of the disaster was a little boy, four years old, from whom matches had always been hidden. A few days later a magazine came to me from England, and in it was an article entitled, "The Over-Conscientious Mother." The gist of it shows us the folly of trying to shield little children from every danger, and the advice is to show them the danger, but not keep them from it. To that end the wiser part? Supposing that little boy's father, instead of hiding the matches away, had made the little chap realize what they might do, perhaps that terrible fire might not have happened. From their baby days our kiddies have been taught that an unused match was a "live" match, one that had been used a "dead" one, and if they found a live match on the floor, they were always taught to bring it to one of us. When Molly was a wee tottler she was a darling little monkey and would always go as close to the stove as she dared, holding out her little hand until she almost touched it, and of course watching me to see what I was going to do about it. Eventually I got tired of telling her to be careful so one day when she tried this provocative little trick, I said, "And now you are going to touch it?" I took the little leading hand and made her touch the stove, burning her hand ever so slightly. After that I never had to caution her again. It was drastic treatment, but it saved me a lot of uneasiness and put an end to her curtness.

When the children heard us talking about this village fire, they wanted to know how it all happened. I thought it a good time for an object lesson. "Bring me two matches," I said to Pat. "Now look, son. These little boys were playing in the barn, and one of them had two matches—just two, that's all, and they rubbed them together like this. (I rubbed them until they fired.) Very likely when they caught alight the little boy got frightened and let them drop, and there was no barn, no home and a lot of other people had no homes either. Would you play with matches like that?"

"Oh, I guess I wouldn't!" came the emphatic answer, but it was not the words but the expression in Pat's eyes

WILL TEACH ESKIMOS TO HANDLE REINDEER

Lapse on Way to Aklayk on Mission for Canadian Government

Hull, N. S., August 8.—Bound for Aklayk, in the North West Territories, there to teach the Canadian Eskimos how to care for reindeer herds, ten Laplanders arrived here on the Swedish American Liner Gripsholm, and left by Canadian National Railway for Winnipeg. From there they will proceed to the far north to undertake their novel teaching task.

The Laps have been brought over by the Canadian Government under three year contract to instruct the Eskimo in the care of reindeer. For many years, the Eskimo in that section of the North have been regarded as a dying race, living peculiarly by trapping and fishing. A number of conferences have been held at Ottawa between Government officials and experts on the Eskimo question and as a result this reindeer experiment is being made. Two years ago the Minister of the Interior was authorized to purchase 3,000 head of reindeer for establishment of experimental herds in Northern Canada. Under the direction of the Laplanders, a number of Eskimos will take a course in the care of the reindeer, the Government furnishing food for those reindeer students for a term of three years, then follows a period of four years contract with the Government after which the Eskimos are expected to become self-supporting by means of their reindeer herds. The Laps in this party are excellent linguists, speaking Norwegian, Finnish and Lapp and they propose to learn the Eskimo language in order to properly instruct their pupils.

Attired in their picturesque native costume, the visitors attracted much attention on their arrival here. The men in the party are excellent herdsmen, owning many head of reindeer in their native country. Included in the party are several women and children.

which made me feel the lesson had been driven home. A practical demonstration often does more good than forbidding without explaining and helps to develop a child's latent reasoning faculties—faculties which will stand him in good stead when we are not at hand to advise or command.



"How do you get him to chew his food?"

"I give him Shredded Wheat and it's so crisp he has to chew it—the more he chews it the better he likes it and the more nutrition he gets out of it. Many children bolt down their food without chewing—that means imperfect digestion, poor teeth and unhealthy gums. Shredded Wheat with milk makes a perfect food for growing children, and it's perfectly delicious with bananas or stewed fruit."

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Special—Flax Stoneless
DATES 2 lbs. **21c**

Special—Extra Quality
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Special—Eagle Brand Condensed
MILK 3 15-oz. tins **50c**

Special—Aylmer Chicken Giblet Sandwich
PASTE 2 8-oz. tins **25c**

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