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EDITORIAL

The Investment in Branch Industries

In 1,200 branch, subsidiary and affiliated establishments of British and foreign countries in this country, there is a combined capital employed of \$1,746,220,000, of which Canada owns \$304,032,000, or 17 per cent., a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows. The United States owns \$1,180,500,000, or 68 per cent. of the total. Great Britain's \$246,616,000, or 14 per cent. was distributed among 172 branch, subsidiary or affiliated concerns, while there were 17 foreign branches with a capital invested of \$5,092,000, or less than 1 per cent.

Another View

The question of the Counties being responsible for the full cost of pupils' tuition at the Guelph Collegiate opens up another side of the question in the view of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. After a discussion of the matter the other day in its editorial columns, the Sentinel-Review puts forth another point in the following closing paragraph: "If the practice is to become general, and the principle thereby recognized that full pro rata cost should be paid on behalf of county pupils, notwithstanding the statute, it will be opportune to consider such legislative enactment as may be necessary to permit rural representation upon urban boards of education. Equal rights in the matter of taxation does not usually allow special privilege to one party in the spending of the money."

A Visitor's Observation

Acton Fair of 1931 has passed into the records of history, the apparatus incidental to the affair has been packed away, the debris cleared up and the officers and directors are relaxing, enjoying the attractions of other fairs, and laying plans for the 1932 event. It was a success again, viewed from every standpoint. The number and quality of exhibits and the patronage given the event by the spectators have proven that all are satisfied with the treatment accorded and exhibition offered at Acton. Congratulations may well be extended to President Waldie, and every officer under him for the results achieved this year in view of existing conditions. A visitor to the fair, who was apparently anxious to note how repeated successes were achieved at Acton Fair, found the keynote of the success when viewing the first night's performance. We hadn't realized where success lay but the stranger picked it out in one act. During the arena performance it was necessary to remove the platform from the centre of the ground for further events. It was men with red ribbons on who pitched in to help with the task, and the stranger's inquiry gave him the information that the ribbons designated the men all the way from President to new directors. Everybody took a hand. President Waldie, Secretary Atkins and General Utility Man R. J. Kerr didn't say, "Get the platform out." It's more likely, "Let's move the platform, boys," and they lead the way by a working model. We hadn't realized, as we stated previously, wherein the success lay. We appreciate the solution as advanced by the visitor and believe you are right. And when we were considering this bit of observation by the fair visitor, we fell to wondering why such a plan wouldn't make for success in every organization and activity of life. The more we think it over, the more we appreciate the visitor for his trite observation. That's why we passed it on for our readers to consider.

Unfair Competition

The Barrie Examiner recently gave voice to a problem that is bothering many a municipality in the following item: "During the past month local gardeners and merchants handling fruit have been subjected to very unfair competition by truckers bringing in loads of tomatoes and fruit and peddling them from house to house. We are informed that in most cases these peddlers are not growers but simply buy the surplus of the market and dump it here at prices that are very unfair to local growers and dealers who pay taxes here and help to maintain the community. The present peddlers' license was fixed before trucks facilitated the delivery of produce and is quite inadequate for to-day's conditions. It is, perhaps, too late to benefit this year's business by amending the license fees, but it is a matter that should early engage the attention of the Town Council."

The Cost of Sickness

According to the Wall Street Journal, sickness in the United States costs a considerable amount each year. The economic losses due to sickness among workers run into large sums of money. In the United States there are 825,000 beds in hospitals, which require \$1,500 a year each for operating cost. This makes a total of \$1,237,500,000 annually spent by the people of the United States for hospital purposes. There are 157,000 physicians, whose income averages \$4,000 a year, making a total of \$600,000,000. Nurses earn about \$300,000,000 while drugs and supplies come to \$700,000,000 more. The total of this is \$2,837,500,000. Value of time lost by those who do not go to see the doctors or enter hospitals would be 50 per cent. of the latter amount, making a total for sickness of \$4,256,250,000. This sum would provide sickness and accident insurance coverage at \$100 a month for 86,500,146 individuals.

Good Sportsmanship

There was something unique beside the celebration side of the event in Brampton last Thursday night, when a community welcome was accorded the Dominion lacrosse champions and the victorious Class "B" Band of Brampton. Plenty of people joined from neighboring centres, for the sake of celebration. But seven bands from surrounding towns went there to augment a party that one would think concerned Brampton only. And among the outside communities represented was Weston, with their band, who for years had been the chief opponents of Brampton in their quest for lacrosse honors. Among the speakers on the platform that evening were men also who were not always popular on other appearances in Brampton at sports events, and in most cases they were given attentive hearing. Such a gathering speaks well for the sportsmanship of Brampton. It also speaks volumes for the same quality in many of the communities about here. Such a state of affairs augurs well for the future in sporting and other activities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Men are born with two eyes, but with one tongue, in order that they should see twice as much as they speak.—Colton.

The average cost of a year's University tuition in Canada is \$494. Of these fees the student pays \$116. The figures, of course, include college fees only.

Fruit, grain, vegetables, etc., are plentiful on every hand. Let them not be willfully wasted lest the old adage shall apply to the nations of "Wifful waste makes woeful want."

Brampton had every reason to be proud of its representatives in lacrosse and its band and the honor accorded last week by its citizens was in keeping with the success achieved. A community spirit worthy of emulation was also shown throughout the successes and celebration.

During the Fair Days we had the pleasure of meeting many of our out-of-town readers. We appreciated the kindly references that several of these friends took occasion to express regarding The Free Press, and its continuance of worthy representation of Acton and the district as a newspaper.

There was a note of thankfulness in Prof. Christie's address at the Acton Fair the other day that should not be lost sight of. Your own position is never so bad but what a comparison with another fellow's standing is bound to often put one in a better frame of mind and keep a peace of mind, too.

Editor E. A. Harris, of the Burlington Gazette, was in a reminiscent mood last week in recalling his thirty-second year at the helm of the newspaper of Burlington. That Burlington and the Gazette may continue the growth and evidence of prosperity that have characterized the period since he first assumed charge is the wish of all.

It seems to be unanimous that one of the best undertakings in this district for the relief of unemployment is the construction of the second line, from Acton to Milton, as a highway. Many married men would then not require removal of such a distance from their homes and an acknowledged necessary improvement would be accomplished. The Legion, in their desire to help with constructive suggestions, saw the need by the recent resolution passed.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

There is a very decided feeling of autumn in the air—a feeling more definitely expressed in Fall Fashion than in nature itself. Every morning I fetch the cows from the pasture. Our neighbor's bush, which is very dense, runs alongside of our own apparently wooded acres, and among all the trees there is only one which has draped itself in its autumn cloth of gold. Down town in a different matter—there one finds queer little hats perched precariously on—sometimes—queer little heads. To go among this vainguard of fashions in little attire makes one feel rather like 'the last rose of summer!' I have always thought there was a pathetic sentiment in the idea of this last glorious rose left blooming alone, but it is nothing compared to the pathos of wearing the last hat of summer!

What a queer thing is fashion—somebody sets the style and we all follow as meekly as a flock of sheep. We buy hats and coats and dresses but before we make our purchase we look around for something "a little different"—something not quite catalogue goods—but yet that is really different—that is to say, something hopelessly out of date. No, that's a different story.

What shall we do for a fashion parade if the country fairs ever drop out of existence? There, if anywhere, one is sure of seeing the latest thing from Paris! It may be that later on, we shall see "the latest thing from Paris" making short work of a hot-dog in the midway. It's quite all right of course, but the two things don't seem quite—what shall we say—compatible? No doubt they have hot-dogs in Paris—and worse things than that—but are they to be found where Madam Mode holds her court? I wonder.

Speaking of fairs reminds me... I went to one of our local fairs this week, and we finally ran to earth a place where it was possible to get light refreshments. Oh boy! that tea tasted good!

There is another fair to-morrow, but wild homes wouldn't drag me to it. He-for-I risk another chance I will make a point of writing to the fair manager and find out definitely if they have a refreshment booth on the ground, and if not, why not. There should be either that or a "First Aid" station, because I was not alone in my weakness for the cup that cheers. A tea booth is a splendid money-making scheme—at our fair some of the ladies made over forty dollars last year.

Partner did not come with me on my little pleasure jaunt. Nothing would induce him to leave the field which he had got nearly ready for when seedling. He was so afraid it would rain and he would have all his work to do over again, so I left him alone in his glory. As for me—of course there were things I might have done at home—was there ever a time when there wasn't—but I was only too glad to have some excuse to leave my pickles and canning for even a few hours, and then at the fair I bought more fruit!

This afternoon I have been to a meeting. And now, ladies, you who belong to any of our fine women's organizations, if you want a really worth while speaker, ask Mrs. Norman Beale, of Toronto, to address one of your meetings, and you will be sure of hearing something worth listening to. That is if you are sufficiently broadminded to appreciate her ideas and advice along social service lines. Her talk this afternoon was about the "Girls of To-day." She pointed out the many pit-falls awaiting young girls who go to the city to earn their living, and she told us most emphatically that the greatest safeguard we could give our girls of to-day was knowledge. She told the most pitiful thing in her experience is to hear so many young girls who have taken the wrong turning say, in the time of their distress, "Why didn't somebody tell me?" She insisted that the girls of to-day are no worse than the girls of any other time, but they are different. Their frankness and sophistication are a product of the age.

Mrs. Beale's remarks were by no means wrapped in silver paper but practically everything she said gave one something to think about and anyone who has done that has accomplished a lot, whether we agree with the arguments or not.

FEEDING HENS FOR WINTER EGG PRODUCTION

The cost of feed consumed and the price of eggs are two important factors determining profits in egg production. Poultry raisers are, therefore, vitally interested in the selection of feeds and methods of feeding as well as the production of well matured pullets capable of heavy egg production during the fall and early winter when egg prices are high.

At the Fredericton Experimental Station, the laying hens receive scratch grain which is fed in the morning and evening in deep clean litter and a dry mash fed in between which are open at all times. Crut and oyster shell are fed in open hoppers. Green feed and milk are supplied daily and fresh water is always available to the birds.

The scratch grain during the winter months usually consists of 200 pounds cracked corn, 200 pounds feed wheat and 100 pounds of whole oats. The heaviest feed is given in the evening and the amount fed per bird averages about 1 1/2 pounds daily for ten birds. This amount may be varied according to the condition of the birds and egg production.

The mash usually fed consists of 100 pounds corn meal, 400 pounds wheat middlings, 100 pounds bran, 100 pounds cracked oats, 50 pounds beef scrap, 15 pounds bone meal, 5 pounds charcoal, 5 pounds salt and 10 pounds cod liver oil. Milk is fed at the rate of one quart for twelve birds daily. If a constant supply of skim-milk or buttermilk is available, the amount of beef scrap in the mash may be reduced somewhat without seriously affecting egg production.

Owing to its low price and its availability on many farms, barley is making up a greater part of the ration than ever before. Tests show that where cod liver oil and suitable green feed are supplied, barley is a satisfactory substitute for corn. At the Fredericton Experimental Station winter production was slightly higher where corn was fed but profit per bird was greater where barley was fed.

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