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Editorial and Business Office



The fire menace is indeed a dread that all fear, but perhaps the farmer is the most helpless victim of the flend in that once started, he is at its mercy until it burns itself out. The many farm fires in the neighboring County of Wentworth have given rise to the suspicion that they have been started by a mentally deranged person. The farmer as well as every other individual is operating at the present time under sufficiently harrowing circumstances. This dread of the firebug swooping down and firing his barns would seem like the last straw in the present circumstances. The insurance companies will undoubtedly be so hard hit that an increase in rates will be inevitable and no man can afford to take the risk of allowing his policy to lapso.

All Comics

The Northern News says that citizens of Kirkland Lake have been enjoying the big jokes occasioned by the lack of fact contained in the breezy stories of the rambling journalist of the Toronto Star. The demand for the sensational on the part of many of the city dailies to the exclusion of the facts has made them come to be regarded in the rural centres as very amusing and entertaining but far from reliable as a reputation that good times are just around the corner. source of information. The "News" points out as If they aren't, his won't be the only reputation that typical of the writer's inaccuracies the fact that a few will be lost. months ago 1,000 men registered as being out of work, while the city journalist's estimate is 68. If the editors of the weekly journals took similar liber- debatable statement, when he announces the gatherties with the news of their communities, the news- ing of the weekly newspaper editors in Oakville as and both of them said they were from paper office would be an embarrassing place to re- "Brainy Men of Wentworth, Peel and Halton." main. But then again, we read that the selling feature of some of these journals is the 26 comic strips every day and the puzzle features.

Small Wonder the Migration is Cityward

The County Council is to be commended for its action in the interview with the Minister of High- of cattle will, it is expected, have been exported from ways, regarding the construction of the third highway Canada to Great Britain. Weekly shipments for rangement to lower the County's share, the Depart- head. ment admits that twenty per cent. of \$800,000 is a heavy item for an electorate to pay that is not benefitted in any way. We have maintained from the outset, and we are still of the opinion, that Halton should \$46,000,000 we can foresee the people of the Province out, so I had to arrange a meeting benot be called upon for one dollar for expenditure on as a whole in much better condition, both financially this third southern highway. If the Province can and morally. assume only eighty per cent. of the cost, the other twenty per cent. should be absorbed by Toronto and Hamilton, who are the greatest benefactors of this link between these two cities. If the counties can be saddled with highway construction costs, without their consent, why in all fairness can the cities not have the burden placed on their shoulders, where it rightly belongs? Halton is struggling under a debenture debt that it will take years to overcome. If there is any highway in the County that will benefit Haltonians, it is the completion of the link from Acton to Milton. Yet the County Council is told it must provide a percentage (probably ten per cent. and twenty per cent. if it hadn't been objected to, of \$800,000) for a highway it doesn't need or want, and forego the construction of one that is badly needed. rural discrimination.

Love Me, Love My Dog

The literal adoption of the above slogan is hardly appreciated by the average individual who uses the drinking fountain at the Post Office for the slaking of his thirst. It was told THE FREE PRESS that some pet dogs are field up to this fountain to have a drink. In view of the fact that this is a public drinking fountain, it seems unfair that those without so fond a liking for these pets should be forced to drink unknowingly at the same fountain. The Main Street trough was clearly arranged for the convenience of the animals of the four-footed variety.

Business Conditions

The current issue of the business summary of the Bank of Montreal gives Canadian conditions at this time as follows: "Unsettlement of international currencies has been the outstanding event of the past live kettle on the stove is singing an enticing weeks, Sterling exchange dipping below \$3.50 in New temome song but these are the only York, and the Canadian dollar to 86 cents. Some are away to a neighbor's to see some recovery has since occurred, but values are uncertain pupples and Partner is putting in time and until stabilized a new element of hazard enters at a threshing. Yes, everything is wonderinto foreign trade. France has received large ship- after the week we have had. You know ments of gold from New York, the Bank of France how it is some weeks are quiet perhaps increasing its store to upwards of \$2,500,000,000. even to the point of monotony, others Money has risen in price generally, many European others again are just one mad rush from countries having increased rates for loans to safe- beginning to end. This has been one of guard gold reserves after the manner of the Bank the latter variety. of England, and in New York rates have also risen. ing machine was coming to our line early In Canada the Government has prohibited the export this week. Other times we have let it duce that could be shipped to the West, of gold except under license. (How and when the go by but also, the evil hour could not and then send it. Of course that is only exchange situation will be stabilized is not apparent. reighbor's were threshing on Tuesday and I guess everyone is entitled to their own Righting adverse trade balances will help and this the machine was to move into our place through necessity is being brought about in more Wednesday noon so of course Tuesday than one country. Unemployment at home and abroad quite a few last minute jobs to do in the and heavy deficits in national budgets involve costly barn while I was busy in the house making relief measures and increased taxation, as well as a stack of plea etc. And then the childmounting debt. Measures of relief are more com- had been rather badly hurt at school prehensive in Canada than a year ago and entail so he perforce had to be kept at home larger public expenditure. In trade there is indication of a halt in commodity price decline. For a considerable period prices have remained fairly steady, and went off to town for supplies. Coming and while there is still an over-supply of world stores home about eleven fifteen I was horrified of cotton, wheat, sugar, copper, rubber and lumber, prices would seem to have touched bottom."

EDITORIAL NOTES

One result of the exchange rates is that we are quick meal? But, glory be, they had finding but we can do a lot of things in Canada that we formerly considered unattainable.

Another draft of 4,000 men have been taken to the northern construction camps. Wonder how many of these came from the rural sections of Ontario?

At a meeting of the Brampton Business Men's Association it was decided to cancel the Wednesday half-holiday that has been observed in the summer months.

The quotation on the American coins, "In God we and felt as if he had had enough thresh-Trust" has a rather pointed meaning at the present time for the rest of the world, with its reduced value Wednesday night our man phoned to

It seems that Roger Babson is willing to stake his touch with some other fellow, who prom-

Editor Forster, of the Oakville Star, makes a

A speaker at the recent congress of the American College of Surgeons suggested the removal of the appendix from all children. We suppose reduced rates would prevail on such quantity business.

By the end of November, 1031, over 28,000 head across the southern part of the County. In the ar- some time past have averaged from 1,000 to 1,200 ed, etc., but I would have been just an far

> It is forecast that Ontario liquor sales will show a decrease of \$7,000,000. If they would drop another

The Liquor Control Board has another problem enthusiasm. on its hands. Forged labels for Canadian bootleggers are being used in Canada. We understood the bootleggers were to disappear under this form of temper- all right, but what about the poor in

The Legion's activity in endeavoring to make Re- are two bags of potatoes and a few basmembrance Day truly significant is to be commended, If it is to be nothing but another public holiday it will be far from the original intention. It comes on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, at the eleventh

Gold production in Ontario continues to increase It is again a case of the cities win at the expense of almost every month. The September output is valued ous sections, how many things will they the rural sections. Small wonder that the boy on the at 3,850,284, the highest on record in any month. Farm is lured cityward, rather than remain on the The total production from the mines in Ontario for but we sent it all out West!" Delief farm, or in the smaller community, as the highway the first nine months of 1931 had a value of \$31,360,construction programme is but typical of city and 616. The total value of the production of the 12 months of 1930 was \$35,518,862.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

The house is strangely quiet. Occasionally Stomp gives a bark at a passing car and Patch from his box behind the kitchen stove, gives an answering growl; from some part of the farm a rooster sends forth a challenging call and cocka-doodle-doo comes the answer from another direction. The sparrows are twittering and chirping in the like bush under the window, Jimus, our kitten-cut is purring on the rug at my feet and the

It started with the news that the thread

Wednesday morning I hitched up Prince to see the threshing machine on the road ahead of me. My first thought was of dinner-had they had it, if they hadn't would they want it before twelve and what was I to give them? Plenty of meat in the buggy, of course, but of what use was a great chunk of raw meat for a had their dinner and so my pulse returned to normal. After dinner one of our neighbor's came over to help me and in a little while we had enough good food cooking to fortify a garrison of men. Once in a while Partner would come in with a mouse-chewn bag that needed attention, the telephone seemed to ring about every half hour, but apart from that we had no interruptions and were able to work away until six o'clock and then came that last minute rush!

Thursday was a lovely bright warm day and the threshing proceeded from daylight to dark without a hitch, the machine pulling out about six o'clock to go to another neighbor's. Partner looked to go the next day, but nine o'clock say he couldn't go, but if he found a man looking for a job he would let us know. He did not phone, so we got in ised to do the job, for us. Everything seemed O. K., and we went to bed with an easy conscience, knowing the threshing would be attended to and Partner have a chance to get the soreness from his eyes and the dust out of his lungs.

The next morning our neighbor phoned and said there were two men there, and both of them said they were from straightened out, we found one of them was the one we had hired, and the other fellow had been sent along by the man we had previously engaged, but who said he could not come. There was nothing for it but to leave one man at the threshing, and give the other man a job at home. To-day Partner thought he had better do the job himselft

Friday I thought was a good time to get everything straightened up againextra dishes put away that only see daylight when threshers arrive; towels washinterviewed the various callers as they

Pirst of all came the roosters, which had ordered, in readiness for next year, Then came the oil truck-Partner wits tween the oil man and the oil barrel. He had not been gone long before a travelling salesman appeared on the scene, and even the fact that there was no money in the house did not curb his

The next caller, was a man seeking surplus farm produce for shipment to the atricken people of the prairies. That's Ontario? The man we had working for us yesterday had his wife und four children to keep, and in his cellar there kets of apples. Ham't it been said that charity begins at home? Without a doubt prairie farmers need assistance-we have been through the mill ourselves and know what it means-but 'all the people in the West are not impoverished, there are plenty of them that must be in a position to help their less fortilinate neighbors. When the relief committees of this province appeal to the farmers in their variwe had plenty of stuff we did not need committees that are properly organized than individuals, and it would be fairer Mill Street are in a better position to know just

COUNTING THE INDIES A COLOSSAL FINDING YOUR PLACE AND FILLING CONTRACT

Wide search fails to reveal anyone who the number of Islands contained in the they should have been farmers. Do not production has expanded materially in British West Indies. Yet like the hairs try to run counter to your nature, your Quebec under the chib movement, the in the human head and the stars in the endowments. Choose the work you can Prairie Provinces are finding it more night sky, these blands are not so num- do best.

age around and take a complete census countil. For finding your, place is one heavy marketings of dressed poultry and Indies. Including Bermuda, thirteen of select the work you are fitted for calls 1931 was decidedly "off." The poultry the British Island colonies are visited for good judgment and a wise decision, which comes onto the market this fall regularly by liners of the Canadians Nat- but to do the work you are fitted for de- however, will probably show a high delonal's fleet plying to and from Montreal, mands industry, patience and persis- gree of finish because of the abundance Hidlfax, Baint John, N. B., and Boston, tence. Find what you can do well, and of feeds, and most of it will sell on a The thirteen visited by the Canadian then do your best with it. That is all basis of official grades. Price will pro-

National's "Lady" liners are the leading there is to success." British bland colonies and among them the most interesting of all the Carib bean countries. Yet they are but h ama portion numerically.

Bermuda, which is not strictly speaking a part of the West Indies, comprises 300 blands. The Bahamas number 700. The Leoward and Windward Islands of any importance, number well over a score. To add to this are Porto Rico, Hati and Ban Damingo combined, Jamaica and Cuba. Probably the total of the West Indies blands counting even the smallest is well over two thousand.

In order to be successful, work along of the Department of Agriculture at has ever gone to the trouble of counting the line of your gifts. Home farmers Ottawa to date suggest that the poultry the number of islands contained in the make a failure because they should have crop all over Canada this year will be West Indies, or even, to narrow the field, been artists, and some artists fall because decidedly "short." --- While apecialized

It takes more than finding your place their poultry nocks. Egg prices have It would probably take a year to voy- in the world, however to make you and been disappointing with consequent the Island members of the West thing, and filling it is another. To at the same time chick production for

Report received by the Poultry Division

bably be a big factor controlling volume.



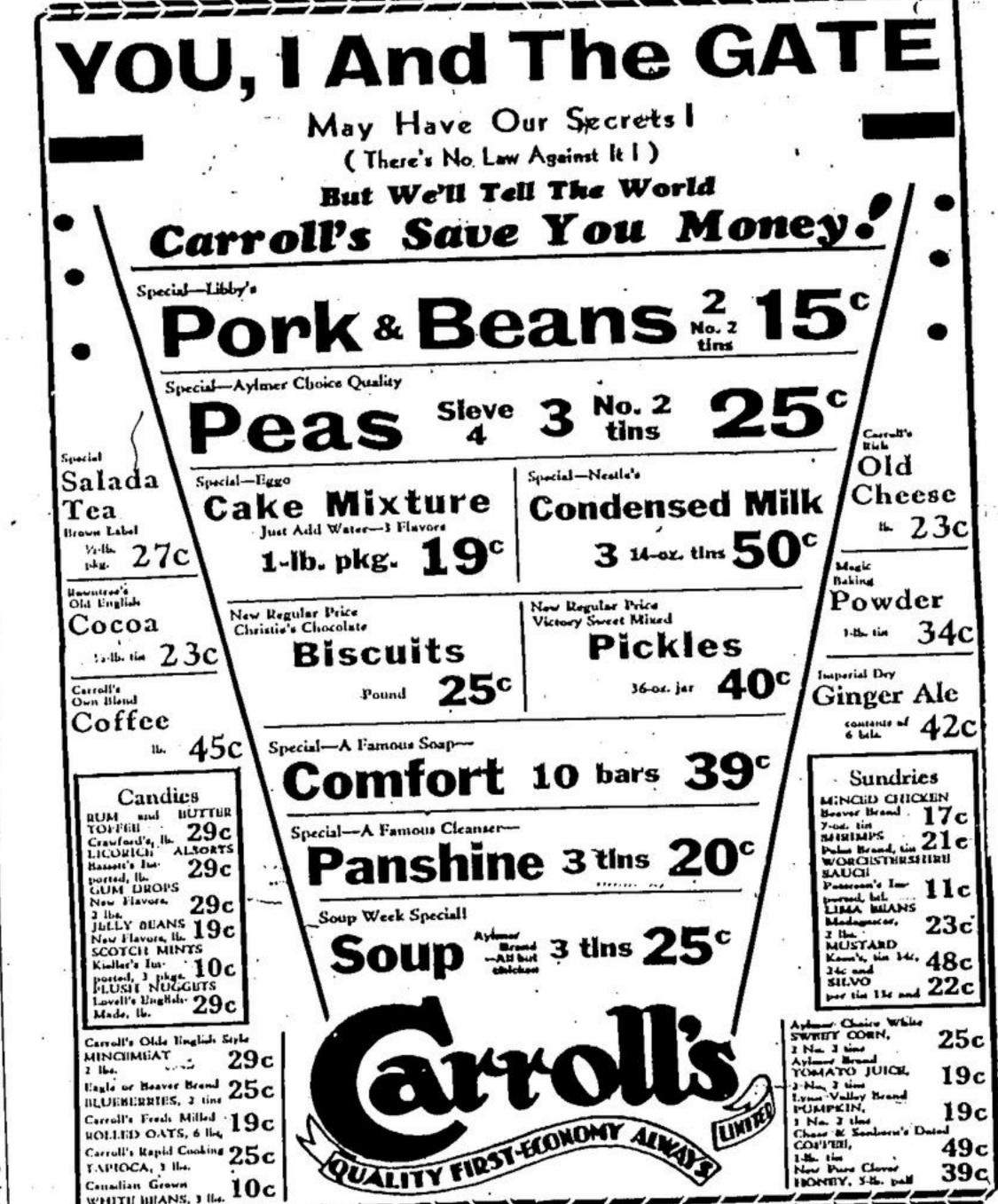
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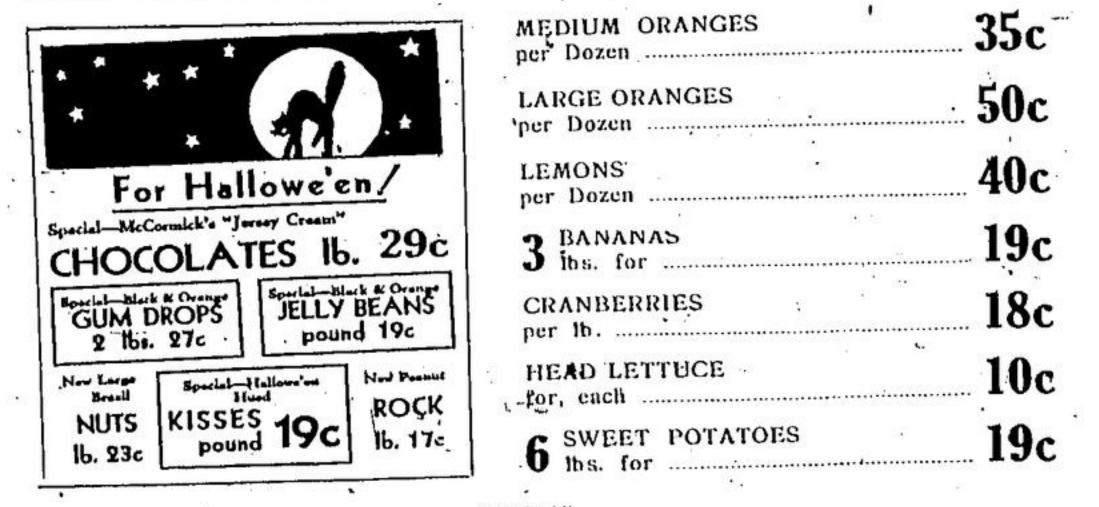
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