

More Accidents in Industry The accidents reported to The Workmen's Compensation Board during the month of February numbered 4,023, as compared with 3,601 during January, and 3,924 during February a year ago. There were 27 fatal accidents, as against 19 in January, and 25 in February last year. The benefits awarded for February amounted to \$404,031.30, \$336,258.65 of which was for compensation and \$67,772.65 for medical aid and for January, 1932, the total benefits awarded amounted to \$453,530.64, of which \$363,621.34 wa for compensation and \$89,909.30 for medical aid.

When Greed Reigns

The kidnapping of the twenty-month-old son of Col. and Mrs. Lindbergh has stirred the hearts of everyone and drawn out the sympathy of not only the people of this continent but of other lands for the bereaved parents. Other children have been abducted and held for ransom in the republic to the south. The kidnapipng of the Lindbergh babe would appear, however, to be a challenge from the underworld to those entrusted with law enforcement and present conditions. The total volume of standing the protection of law abiding citizens: None can blame the anxious father and mother for using every conceivable means of having the babe returned. Any board feet of lumber and 1,121,993,000 cords of pulpparents worthy of the name would do likewise; but it will be rather poor praise for any land to allow the perpetrators of the crime to go free from punish- per cent., the Prairie Provinces 25 per cent., and ment and secure the funds demanded for the return British Columbia 34 per cent, of this total volume. of the child. If such a thing happens it would seem that no child is safe in this land of the free. In England, it is said that the crime of kidnapping for ransom is unknown. It is to be hoped that Canada will follow the example of the Mother Country, rather than our neighbor. When the greed for money becomes uppermost in individuals to the extent that they will separate children from the parents to appease, the lust, it would seem that manhood or womanhood had dropped to its lowest level in its search for wealth.

No Non-Contributory Dole

long as he is in power will commend itself to all it was Oakville that turned the trick this year. citizens who have the welfare of the Dominion at heart. This expression was given to a delegation of unemployed who waited upon the government recentmay be advisable, it is clear that in the interests of promotion of thrift in a young nation, this insurance ment of their product to induce the public to buy. should be contributed to by those whom it will benefit. While some citizens practice thrift at all times and prepare for adverse times is no reason why these individuals should be taxed to assist those who may Canada cannot afford a dole system but it can promote a scheme of unemployment insurance that would have those who would enjoy its privileges contributing toward its upkeep. The Provincial Workmen's Compensation plan has proven a benefit to employers as well as employees. The funds are paid by the employers, and coming as an annual assessthe workmen with the amount deducted from the pay come periodically. Such a fund would tend also to form of dole could never do.

- Fire Protection Not Paramount

While it is very necessary that Fire Underwriters' tests be carried out periodically and it is an acknowledged fact that Actor's waterworks system is, very essential part of the fire fighting equipment still the fact should also be borne in mind by these officials that the water of the mains is used by 2,000 people for drinking purposes daily whereas the water is used about three or four times a year to quench conflagrations. We understand that during the inspector's test last week the water from the auxiliary chlorination plant was turned into the mains for a half hour to satisfy his requirements. With a pumping supply of a day at the waterworks plant it was understood at the installation that this water would not be turned into the mains except in case mergency. The inspector's visit was no emergency, think of so very many things and we The smell of the water in certain sections of the town after this demonstration was, to say the least, very obnoxious, and the color of the water labelled it as unfit for human consumption. If an epidemic of typheid is avoided it is simply so much good fortune and can certainly not be attributed to any care exer- germ of industry begins to grow and it cised in keeping the water of the system uncontaminated. Acton has always been justly proud of the splendid spring water that has been in its mun- housewife is wise she will watch for these icipal system. The citizens have come to rely on the signs of superflous energy in her spouse, water being safe. The putting of water into the she will, with the greatest diplomacy, mains without notice that is unfit for consump- mention a few jobs which need to be tion was, therefore, a rather serious undertaking. It done around the house. But she must is to be hoped no serious results will develop but it would be the part of wisdom for those in authority to refuse a similar test for inspection only, or to make arrangements so that a test can be made without polluting the system.

An Important Industry

The total value of all the products of the lumber industry of Canada in 1930, according to a report just reveal to every wife the best time and issued by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics, was \$121,142,985; a decrease of 17.6 per cent., For instance, it isn't diplomatic to sugcompared with the value of the output in the previous gest having the living-room carpet taken year. There were 3,257 lumber mills in operation out for a beating just after your good to it?" throughout Canada in the year under review which don't ask him to take a turn at the gave employment to 43,451 persons. Taking the saw- washing machine when he has jus mills as a separate industry it ranks fifth among the important industries of Canada. Its gross production and suction caps. (N. B.-These two inis now exceeded by that of the pulp and paper in- stances are not taken from life, as I have dustry, flour and grist mills, slaughtering and meat packing establishments, and the central electric because during the course of my married stations. With regard to the net value of production life I have made a study of signs and saw-milling comes second only to the pulp and paper industry with a net total of \$48,186,223 in 1930. The other day I went down to the barn to saw-milling industry comes first among Ganadian industries with regard to total number of employees, evidently received a jolt. Sometimes to second with regard to wage distribution and third with regard to capital investment. Lumber produced in Canada is drawn from different parts of a forested area that covers a total area of 1,151,454 square miles behind the cows, and in the separator of which about 17.3 per cent, carries mature, merchantable timber, 9.7 per cent. carries immature but That was one occasion upon which I nevertheless merchantable forest products; and 48.2 should naturally avoid asking assistance per cent. consists of accessible young growth which which eventually be merchantable. The remaining matters that had nothing whatever to 24.8 per cent. is inaccessible or unprofitable under do with farming. If you want help, timber has been estimated at 224,304 million cubic of men. feet capable of being converted into 424,637 million Everywhere I look these days I find wood, ties, poles and similar forest products. The way from field to field and in the bare Eastern Provinces are estimated to contain about 41

EDITORIAL NOTES

We suppose the next bit of general confusion to look forward to will be the daylight saving time.

John Philip Sousa, famous bandmaster and composer, is dead, but the stirring marches which he has dead tired—the kind of tiredness which left behind him will remain for many a year as memorial to his genius.

The Fergus News-Record persists in its assertion The statement by Premier Bennett that Canada that Burlington put Acton out of the O. H. A. runwill never adopt a non-contributory dole scheme as ning. Credit where credit is due, Brother Templin, nolsy coughing, but otherwise has re-

Now the fine motor cars of the year are on parade ly. While some form of unemployment insurance before the public, and it is said that never before dering whether it is ever safe to consider have the manufacturers been so lavish in the treat-

A writer in the Shelburne Economist makes the following observation that seems very apt in any in it. It is at once amusing, enlightening have squandered their substance in times of plenty. community: "Funny, isn't it, how much quieter a man keeps about money he loses by trusting a stranger than he does about the money he loses by trusting someone in his own community."

That splendid Canadian weekly newspaper, the tifles the skin. Makes hands haw essly Simcoe Reformer, has been selected as the best newsment are not burdensome. A similar provision for paper on the continent by one of America's most tine in. Delicately fragrant. Swiftly eminent journalists, Prof. John H. Casey, head of absorbed into the tissues, leaving no envelope would seem small but would soon provide the School of Journalism, University of Oklahoma. sufficient to care for the lean periods that apparently This is the first time a Canadian weekly newspaper has occupied such a high rating and THE FREE PRESS make an independent self-respecting manhood that a joins in extending congratulations to the publisher. P: George Pearce.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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"The time has come." the Walrus sa To talk of many things; Of shoes-and ships-and sealing wax-Of cabbages and kings.

Isn't that the way we all feel just now, even though our thoughts may not turn to cabbages and kings yet certainly at this time of the year we are tempted to are fired with enthusiasm to get after the fobs we know need doing. There a restlessness, an urge shall we call does not accomplish very much but may tent in mysterious hammerings or the unusual sight of machinery being overhauled and thoroughly oiled. If the and, choosing a favorable opportunity.

Now, as every woman knows, there are all kinds of husbands-in_fact husband study should be looked upon as entirely separate from any other form of psychology. Fortunately, the orthodox woman is called upon to deal with only one kind of husband at a time, so there is really no excuse for her not understanding her own-particular man's temperament and tantrums. A little observation will soon occasion upon which she may safely appeal to friend husband for assistance. finished fixing the outside pump, after wrestling for hours with pipes and rods neither living-room carpet nor washing machine.) No, my deductions are made sounds which enable me to forbear from needless questioning. For Instance, the help separate and I noticed that Partner's erstwhile cheerful disposition had inquire the cause of trouble only adds fuel to fire, so instead of using my tongue, used my eyes. And what did I see?

-just a milky white pool in the ditch room a dented milk pail-a striking instance of "every picture tells a story!" had I needed it. Instead of that we had breakfast and I chatted pleasantly of choose your time and you will find your husband the most willing and delightful

signs which may safely be taken as preliminary to spring. Crows caw-caw their branches of the trees the starlings are both numerous and nolsy. Yesterday the children brought home pussy-willows from the creek and to-day I received a large order for setting eggs. The hens are beginning to get cross when disturbed in their nest, Partner is thinking out a new kind of chicken coop, and the children have got out marbles, allies and a skipping rope-all of which are infallible signs of approaching spring; to say nothing of the endless things I want to do around the house as well as outside, but lack the necessary energy to carry out my ambitions. In fact, I am tiredis far worse before I start a job than when I have finished it. Yes, I know there is another name for that complaint -just plain laziness, but you see when I want to be kind to myself I call it "Spring lethargy". It really sounds much

Molly is still rending the air with covered from her attack of flu. The young fellow is still at school, very glad to think that he had measles two or three years ago, but since Molly has, had them twice, and I remember my sister had scarlet fever three times, I am-wononeself immune from any of these an-

When I have finished this screed I am going to get back to my book-"The Education of a Princess," by Marle, Grand Duchess of Russia. It, is a most enthralling book, there is not a dull page and altogether heart breaking and, of course, it is authentic.

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Teacher: "Very."

TELESCOPE THAT POINTS DOWNWARDS

Some time ago there was brought out a novel form of astronomical telescope designed to render amateur astronomy attractive to those who are not willing to face the hardships incident to observation with the ordinary instrument.

With this form of telescope the observer sits in a comfortable room and looks downward to observe any object, even though it be directly over his head. The circles and hand-wheels for pointing the instrument are all concentric with the tube and located near the eye so that the observer need never move from his seat to survey the whole sky.

A mirror, pivoted, is placed in front of the object glass. A steel piano wire runs around a wheel on the axis of this mirror and around a drum on the hand wheel at the eye end. By rotating this mirror, different declinations are reflected in the telescope. By rotating the whole telescope, including the mirror frame, any angle, which will not be denied expression, The may be brought into the field. There is farmer pokes around in his driving shed a small region around the pole that is not or barn, although the chances are he visible with this form of telescope, but it contains few objects of interest.

At Harvard Observatory, a telescope was devised by Gerrish some years ago ciple, has, it is said, thoroughly demonstrated its usefulness. The mirror being silvered on the front surface, very little light is lost by reflection. So little, in fact, is the loss of light, that without ome means of measurement no one could detect the loss. Except in cases where the observer wants to go to the very lim.t of the power of his glass in separating this instrument are said to be in every as satisfactory as when the telescope pointed directly at the sky

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gentleman threw at me."

Teacher-"Now tell me the name of the insect which is first a tank and then

Pupil - "It's the caterpillar, which changes into a butterfly."

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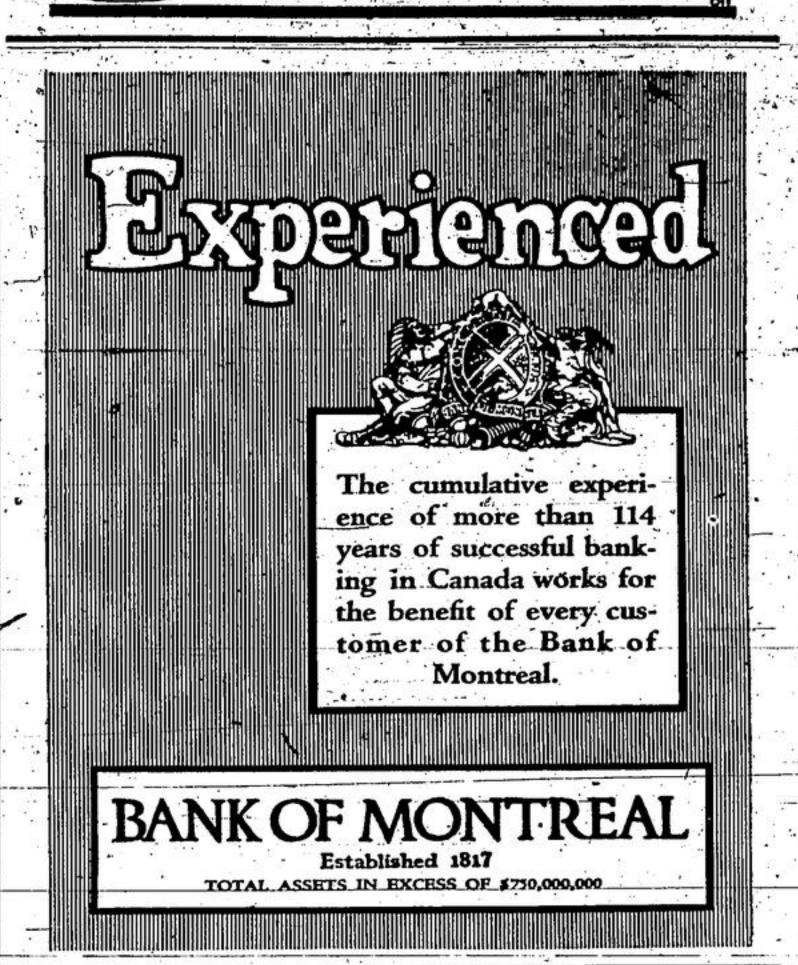
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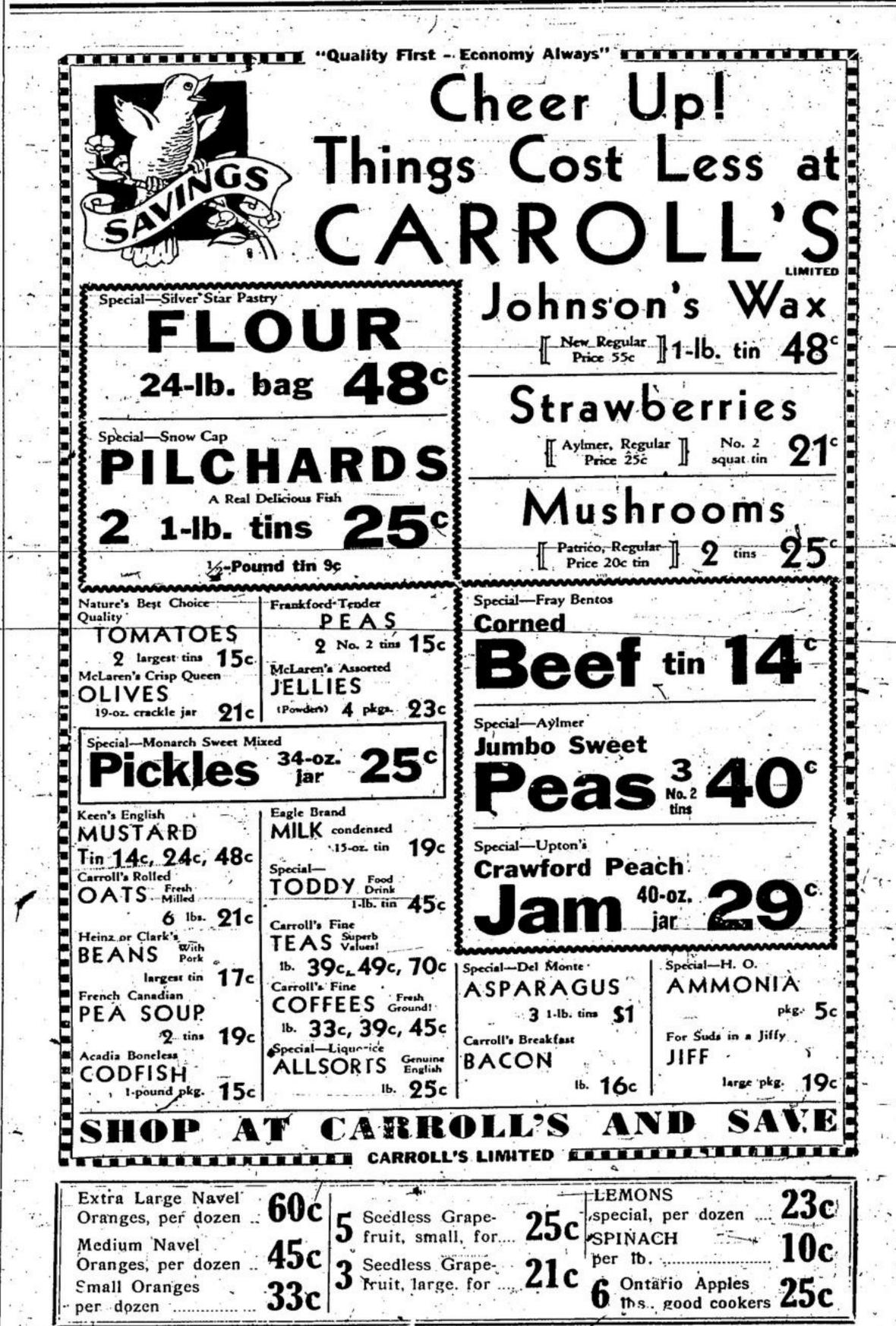
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