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TELEPHONES-



More Difficult Position

A newspaper is in a more difficult position than an other business, says the Kingston Whig-Standard, when there is a widespread business depression. It can only curtail its costs by curtailing its service to the public and the moment it starts to do that, it is inviting disaster. A newspaper is built up on service. It holds its place in the confidence and service whether it gives it at a profit or at a loss. at it, and it is a jolly, kind companion.

### Revising the Calendar

The calendar reform, like daylight saving and many other reforms, continues to demand an ever increasing interest. Unlike some of the other modern ideas which were adopted by some and rejected by others and only added to confusion, the calendar reform is aimed to be adopted world wide and thus do away with confusion of the daylight-saving brand The original plan was of a thirteen month calendar and from the first opposition to such a plan was found, although it is possible that the public might have come to see the advantages. Another plan that is not quite such a radical change is the twelve month calendar, with thirty days in every month excepting January, April, July and October. The plan provides for the four quarters of the year all having an equal number of days. It only provides for 364 days in the year, and it is proposed to have The new calendar could be adopted, it is said, in out of the bush yet. 1933 or 1939, since in both these years the year opens on a Sunday. This twelve month calendar is very simple, and since the last calendar change was back in 1582, and was adopted by England 170 years later it would seem that it was quite reasonable that the calendar arrangement came in for some revision.

## The Decrease in World Trade

World trade in 1931 decreased by approximately continues to shine brilliantly. .27 per cent., compared with 1930, and by approximately 41 per cent., compared with 1929, according to fairly complete figures. With the decrease came increased unemployment, increased bread lines in most countries and decreased dividends by business corporations, all contributing to decrease still further the purchasing power of the masses and to make the hoped-for expansion of trade in 1932 still more difficult. Imports into Britain decreased by 16.6 per cent., compared with 1930. Exports from Britain decreased by 31.8 per cent. Imports into the United States declined by 32 per cent., while exports from the United States declined 37 per cent Of 16-important countries for which complete details of 1931, trade are available, Australia showed the largest percentage decrease in imports, namely 54 per cent. This was brought about by the highest tariff walls in the world and by import restrictions and quotas. Australian exports declined by only 17 per cent. Canadian imports decreased by 38 per cent., while her exports decreased 32 per cent. way and the pound sterling is rising. The United German imports decreased 35 per cent., exports only States is having difficulty balancing the budget and children are troubled with worms, and exports 17 per cent. Of the 16 countries listed In Britain they have a coalition government. This inator. separately, Switzerland had the smallest percentage plan of having all in harmony seems to work well reduction of imports, 12 per cent. The Belgo- in times of stress. Wonder why Canada don't try Luxemburg economic union had the smallest per- this procedure? Is it because it is not yet neces- in all his heart because he knows him, centage decrease of exports, 11 per cent

#### The Wednesday Half Holiday...

The Wednesday half holiday, much like the daylight saving adoption, is dealt with in many ways by as many different communities. An item that is left to the individual choice for fulfilment is usually carried out in an individual manner. In Acton, as in other communities, it is pretty much left to the requirements as viewed by the individual merchants. Some places of business close- each Wednesday afternoon in every month except December and on the week in which a holiday occurs. Others observe the holiday only during the summer months. Many places have now confined the holiday course, got past the stage when they to the winter months. Uniformity in the plan would be beneficial to all. In Port Hope the Board o Trade passed the following resolution, dealing with back to the house for half-an-hour or the question: "The Board of Trade recommends to the merchants of the town that the closing of stores for a half holiday during the winter months the milk pails to wash, but after that we should be abolished, at least during the present de- call it a day and about nine-thirty we pression, and further, that the merchants be asked leisure time. One night this week Partner to make such arrangements amongst themselves dur- went to a special Legion meeting and ing the summer months in which the general half what a scramble it was for him to get holiday is observed, one store in each class be open a local play, but I just couldn't get up for emergencies so that the buying public may be enough energy to go. Every cow in the served on such half holidays."

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

Dominion Parliament and the two-party system of a pen? But wait! In the pen with government will be a thing of by gone days.

Last week the Mail and Empire observed sixtieth birthday. THE FREE PRESS joins with other newspapers in extending birthday felicitations.

There are 46 normal schools in Canada in which teachers for the public schools are trained. Canada also has 152 institutions providing higher educational facilities.

There may be the odd spell of winter at unseasonable times these days, but when the spring for the pen of an artist-I have such a sunshine gets to work it takes a husky blizzard delightful mental picture of a typical to beat it for speed.

The world is a looking glass, and gives back affection of the public because of the day in and to ever man the reflection of his own face. Frown day out service which it gives. It must give this at it, and it in turn will look sourly at you; laugh

> In 1931 a total of 151 canning establishments key you wish your hens to cackle in in Canada canned or packed 5,960,388 cases of vegetables, of which 2,045,858 were tomatoes; 1,356,879 were corn; 1,118,790 peas and the remainder beans, asparagus, spinach, etc. The pack of fruits was 734,531 cases, the leaders being peas, peaches and raspberries.

Furniture manufactured in Canada in 1930 was valued at \$36,866,195. There are 366 establishments in the Dominion listed in the furniture industry, of as customers, and I was told that the which 213 are in Ontario, 71 in Quebec, 35 in British large department stores put on a sale Columbia, 24 in Manitoba and the remainder the other provinces. About 12,000 persons are employed in the industry.

Since January 1, 1926, W. N. Tilley, K. C., has the extra day fall at the end of the year, without been paid \$64,440 by the Ontario Hydro for legal any week-day name, and be called a year day and services rendered. In addition, he received \$4,946.00 guided by desire, instead of my pocket, be an international holiday. The extra day of leap which was paid out to solicitors for searching titles, year would be another international holiday, at the etc. And the worst of it all would seem to be that end of July, and would have no week-day name. after all the expensive legal work, the Hydro is not

> Editor Malcolm McBeth, of Milverton, was chosen of good sound common sense in some President of the Ontario Educational Association, of the Russian theories. For instanceast week. Mr. McBeth has come to the top of his branches of activity; having headed the Can raise the standard of life for everyone adian Weekly Newspaper Association and also the Educational Assoication. And the Milverton Sun, in spite of the other activities of its busy editor, population live on very simple Russian

> Canadian hardwood is being used in the manufacture of British motor cars. Recently a substantial order for hardwood from the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia was received from British firm of motor car makers. A shipment of country, yet one cannot help but admire 12 carloads of the order will go forward from Halifax about the middle of April.

> The famous Collingwood Kiltie Band has decided to disband since the Council reduced the yearly grant yet it may be that before conditions can from \$1,300 to \$1,000. It is said it is impossible to improve very much in Canada, our inmaintain the organization at less than \$1,300 per year. The equipment will be returned to the corporation. These are times when the cheering influence of music seems most necessary but Collingwood, it appears, will have to forego this enjoyment.

Britain is balancing her budget and paying her 20 per cent. Italian imports decreased 33 per cent., the American dollar is declining from its high mark. they lose no time in applying a rel'able

# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by

GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE These days I am what you might working under difficulties. The usual procedure after supper is dishes to wash, children to send off to bed-they have, of have to be "put to bed," but they still have to be "sent off"-then I go down so, back to the barn again, feed more calves and help separate. Then Partner still has a few odd chores to do and I feel entitled to sit down and enjoy our away. The next night I had a ticket for stable is milking and there are no less than six calves. Five of them are Ayrshires, and to tell them apart is wors than a Chinese puzzle. Last night Part-Patrick out to feed." Sure thing-simple enough, isn't it, to let two calves out of Esther and Patrick were also the Twins, and I looked at first one calf and then another-they all have brown ears, white noses and a brown patch over each eye. They are marked a little differently in the body, but can anyone study anything so intricate as coat markings when the little wretches won't stand still long enough for anyone to tell the t'other from which? More by luck than good management the calves eventually were escorted to their rightful mothers. Fresh cows make plenty of work and the other day, when Partner seemed rather fed up with carrying water through the mud, tried to console him by remarking how thankful we should be that the hens don't have to be led out to water! On, farmer leading out his biddies to water, one by one, on a string! After all, who knows? Every respectable chicken these days is blood tested and Government approved, so the time may come when we

Our chicks are guaranteed to reach Galli Curci pitch at maturity." In spite of all obstacles I did manage to get into Hamilton this week. Went down on the noon bus and was back home again by seven o'clock. Not so very long to be away from home, yet long enough to do everything necessary in Hamilton. It was easy enough to get one's shopping done quickly—the only place where I saw any kind of a crowd was in the fifteen cent store. In all the other places there seemed as many clerks about every two days to get anything sold at all. Even at that, from what I could see, most of the people seemed to be window shoppers. It is all so pitiful one wonders how much longer it is possible for people to carry on and how long it will be before the new era of prosperity makes itself felt. Everything seemed cheap enough and had I been

shall read in the ads .- "Our chickens are guaranteed individually hand fed and

watered. Rations fed exactly according to

Hoyle and watered at stated intervals with special Government approved filte:-

ed water. Please state on order which

Lashould have needed the bus to myse'f to bring home all my purchases. 'After I came home that night I was reading an article, on the Five Year Plan in Russia. Present conditions in Russia make intensely interesting study, and while one naturally deplores the antireligious movement, yet there is a lot to quate from the article I was reading-Their aim is to become self supporting, as quickly as possible, reduce hours of labor and increase wages as the State prospers. . . The result is that the entire food, wear old clothes and have no home luxuries whatever." At first sight the two paragraphs seem conflicting, until one remembers that present actual living conditions are heroically endured for the hope of a universally higher standard of

life as the State prospers. A Soviet Government is the last thing one would wish to see in one's own the determined individual effort of the Russian people for what they consider to be in the interest of their own

We can hardly think of the problems of Canada and Russia as being parallel, dividual sense of values must go through a course of adjustment. In the meantime if we are content with just marking time, and wait for the Government to pull us out of the mire, then we stand in danger of losing our independence and the ability to stand on our own feet. Charity begins at home-so does

Mothers can easily know when their

prel minary economic reform.

Two men please God-who serves him who seeks him with all his heart because he knows him not.—Ivan Panin. Mill Street

#### ETIQUETTE OF JUNGLE

A film company has been taking pictures at a water-hole in the African jungle of animals which go there quench their thirst. It is the etiquette of the jungle for the elephant to drink first. No matter how many animal are around the waterhole, they all stand aside for the greatest beast of all. Many of the animals come forty or fifty miles

for a drink, and there is a truce between even the most deadly enemies. After the elephant comes the rhinoceros. Although most of the other animals observe the water-hole truce faithfully. two rhinos will fight over their precedence. After the rhinoceras, the giraffes drink their fill, followed by zebras. Zebras always travel in herds, and somewaterhole at a time. According to the etiquette of the jungle, however, they only come in fourth for the drinking

#### SETTING FENCE POSTS

The proper way to set wooden fence posts is to place them with the large should be tamped as it is filled in s as to hold them firm. Posts with big ends down last longer than posts that more stable. For corner posts concrete permanent one. Of course, a concrete post is rather tedious to build and a large wooden post makes a very service-

Setting a corner post in concrete ordinarily will not increase its length of life at all and has a tendency to shorten it. It is possible to increase the life of a post set in concrete if enough care is taken. In order to make a wooden post last in concrete the concrete should be mixed very rich. The mixture should be one part of cement, two parts of sand, and three parts of gravel or crushed rock. In the bottom of the hole four or five inches of this mixture should be first added so as to raise the bottom of the post off the ground. If paint or asphalt is applied to the post from the top down to the concrete it will keep the water out and act as a preservative.

Why did the moon beam? Because it saw the stars twinkle.

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