

Fewer Accidents in Industry

There were 3,836 accidents reported to the World men's Compensation Board during the month of March, as compared with 4,023 during February, and numbered 18, as against 29 in March last year. The total benefits awarded amounted to \$501,965.02, of which \$429,880.04 was for compensation and \$72, 084.98 for medical aid. The accidents reported for -the first quarter of 1932 numbered 11,460, as compared with 12,683 for the same period last year. The total benefits awarded during the first quarter of 1932 were \$1,359,526.96, as compared with \$1,646,-188.71 during the same period a year ago.

## An Unfairness Rectified

By an amendment to the Municipal Act, passed at the recent session of the Legislature, villages are now given the same power to govern hawkers and peddlers as was formerly enjoyed by towns and cities. The changing of two words in the bill gives to villages a protection which fills a long felt want, and enables them to pass legislation to protect against transient traders. Acton Council, at its session on Monday night, started to take action on the new provision and it is hoped that the fees will be sufficient to make the provisions of the Act protective. The bill was introduced in the Legislature by T. P. Lancaster, M. P. P. for Peterboro County, and Village Councils all over the Province will be grateful that this seeming unfairness against the villages has been finally rectified.

## **Excessive Public Costs**

Arbudget has been brought down at Ottawa and it was hard to find the man who was pleased, following the announcement of its conditions, last week. When business conditions are in the boom state taxaone at the bottom, of the pockebook and experiencing the same difficulties as the Government in balancing the budget, and in most cases coming as far as the Government from the balancing feat, the prospect of meeting increased demands is not so easy. Roger W. Babson, in a special article in the Toronto Star the other evening, had, as usual, the matter pretty well summarized. He put it thus: "The trouble with Government finances is that they follow the crazy principle of spending the money first and trying to raise it afterwards. Instead, they should follow the business principle of estimating the in come first and then appropriating only as the income will permit. There is a definite limit to the income which the Government may exact without killing the goose that lays the golden egg, namely, business. Current financial reports show that this limit has already been reached, and business, instead of laying golden eggs for public officials to gather, is laying just ordinary 'goose eggs'... Canada has done more than the United States toward reduction of Government expenses; but this curtailment has been relatively small in comparison to the decline in income which business, labor, and investors have ex- tising patronage, due to present business conditions. high for present conditions. The cuts of five per number of pages does not balance its budget it will cent. in various civil service wages, the moderate be forced to add something to the subscription price urgent improvements, have all helped to some extent, key to the situation with regard to many newspapers. retrenchment. Return of prosperity, both in Canada may have to be increased, if they are to continue business and the public could be relieved of excessive are not to cease publication.-Mount Forest Conpublic costs.

Could Set an Example

Some interesting facts regarding Judges' salaries was brought out in the recent debate in the House of Commons, when the pay cut was under consideration. The salaries range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and there are 276 judicial appointments in Canada. In detail one judge get \$15,000; 6 others get \$12,000. each; 18 received \$10,000 apiece; 113 are paid at the rate of \$9,000 per year; 2 receive \$8,000; and 3 at \$7,000; and the remaining 133 get \$5,000. The total paid to the 276 judges is \$1,986,000 annually. These salaries will not be affected by the pay cuts. No one will question the worth of Canada's dispensers of justice, but when everyone else seems to be doing with less it would appear splendidly if a voluntary reduction were offered by way of example to those in lower positions.

#### A Local Educational Evening

The Auditors' Reports of Accounts of Actor Municipal Council, the Hydro and Waterworks Departments, Public School Board, Cemetery Board, Free Library Board and Arena have been printed and 1:got to town I remembered something made ready for the perusal of the ratepayers. It is quite a complete little volume and contains many interesting statements. It is published in its entirety and shows the true position of the municipality as at the end of last year, And Acton may well feel well satisfied with her financial position. True, it is not as rubber boots or mud-plastered overshoes. enviable as a year ago, and the tax arrears list occupies a third more space this year. But there is scarcely a busines of any description that found collections as easy to make the past year. If all the arrears of taxes were paid the overdraft shown at the bank balance would have turned to a considerable surplus. There is no need to go into details on the report. Full details of Acton and its finances are pots sticking up out of the mud. contained in the book which is free for the asking by any ratepayer, at the Clerk's office. There is no need for guessing; there is no need for hearsay infatuations—there is safety in numbers! about Acton and its finances. Any ratepayer can assure himself and an evening or two spent digesting the figures presented in this report will make any ratepayer a better citizen, because he will then have an understanding of his municipality, based on the 4.523 during March a year ago. The fatal accidents facts as found by chartered accountants. There is little or no change in the general preparation of the statements from those of the past few years, since this firm first brought in its municipal audit.

### **EDITORIAL NOTES**

True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing.

"Some features of the good old days seem to be returning. The railroads are running cheap excursions again and the people are flocking to them in crowds. It's a long time since the railways made an earnest bid for business.

The deadly carbon monoxide gas from the erhaust of motor cars continues to take an ever-increasing toll of life. Working over a running car in a closed garage leaves as much chance for escape as beating a train to a railway-crossing.

\_A fellow has to be a contortionist to get by these days. First of all, he's got to keep his back to the wall and his ear to the ground. He's expected to put his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, keep a level head, and both feet on the ground. And, at the same time look for the silver lining with his head in the clouds.' So says an exchange.

All members of the newspaper fraternity are pleased to hear that Mr. E. Roy Sayles is recovering makers than for them to have to drink nicely following a recent surgical operation. Besides tion appears rather insignificant, because the money being editor of the Renfrew Mercury, one of Canis forthcoming to meet the demand. But with every- ada's outstanding weekly newspapers, Mr. Sayles is some of the cottage people in rural. Managing Director of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association and in this capacity has exercised a strong influence for the betterment of weekly it for the rest of the day. Careless newspapers.

> In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1931, the number of sea-going ships entered and cleared at Canadian ports and the total tonnage were as follows: Vancouver, British Columbia, 4,709 ships, 12,321,886 tons; Victoria, British Columbia, 4,997 ships, 9,382,051 tons; Halifax, Nova Scotia, 3,226 thips, 8,184,238 tons; Montreal, 1,699 ships, 7,337.-224 tons; Quebec, 689 ships, 3,372,251 tons; St. John, New Brunswick, 1,304 ships, 2,365,629 tons; New Westminster, British Columbia, 759 ships, 2,043,771 tons. Sea-going ships entering and leaving the River St. Lawrence number 2,436 and had a total registered tonnage of 10,440,768 tons...

A Canadian weekly which boasts the largest circulation in the country, announces that it is obliged to reduce its size on account of a decrease in adverperienced. Cost of government in Canada is still too It further declares that if the reduction in the large enamel pitchers and kept hot on reduction in staff forces, the postponement of non- until the world's business revives. We have here the courage by watching a spider-women but the exigencies of the situation demand more Subscription prices cannot be reduced, in fact, they and compensation. the United States, would be hastened if giving as good service, or even, in some cases, if they

# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

This week's Chronicle may or may not appear in print-it just depends upon whether I can plough my way through the mud to the Post Office. No doub town people wonder what on earth I am talking about. "Mud," you say, -what's the woman grumbling now-surely this lovely spring weather would suit anyone?" And let me hasten to add-it does-at least I have quarrel with overhead conditions, under foot is a different matter, at least it is at Ginger Farm. One day this week I was going to town and lost my rubbers before I could get into the buggy. next day I started out with rubber boots I did not expect to have to get out of the buggy at all, but of course as soon as I wanted, and out I had to get, rubber boots and all. Down at the farm my mud-bespattered footwear seems quite in keeping with the general conditions, but when I get to town, and step out onto the clean, dry cement sidewalk, Darling Clementine isn't in it with me and my Herring boxes without topses are dancing pumps in comparison! Next week we are expecting visitors who have never been here before, and in giving them firections to locate us, I told them ours was the first house on the right hand side of the road, but if we had any more rain between now and the time of their arrival, all they were likely to see of Ginger Farm would be two red chimney

But still things are never so bad but what they might be worse-it may be the same with worries as, it is with hear When it is a feat of strength to get strength enough in your feet to get from one end of the barnyard to the other, then there isn't the same opportunity to worry about the budget and its farreaching results. And now the budget is out, we shall find it is parallel with the case of the ordinary individual-it is not so much what a-person-or government, gets that counts, but how they

Even the budget has its compensations Since it came out we have been counting our many blessings. For instance, if you haven't got an income you don't have to worry about income tax-it's a mercy they haven't invented an "outgo" tax-then we should be in the soup! Then there is excise stamps-if you can't give any cheques you don't have to worry about stamps—except when some person who ought to be labelled, hands you a cheque minus a stamp. And then everyone who is as fond of the cup that cheers as I am must breathe a sigh of relief that no new duty has been imposed on that commodity. Wouldn't it be awful if we had to economize on tea? Fancy having friends in for the afternoon and not be able to afford this comfortable little form of hospitality. Tea is the best social anti-freeze I know. Under its influence women unbend and become delightfully informal, yet, strange to say it seems-to-have-the opposite effect with some members of the stronger sex, who handle a cup and saucer more carefully than a stick of dynamite. They will dally with a fancy china cup and saucer as though doubting the strength of its handle and then watching a favorable opportunity, when their hostess is momentarily engaged, take the plunge and swallow the tea at one gulp. It's a wonder some of them don't swallow the cup as well in their anxiety to get rid, of the stuff.

Of. course there is tea and tea-incidentally, tea makers and I can't wish anything worse for some of the tea their own brew! There are as many ways of making tea as there are of

making a living. England make tea in a huge earthenware pot first thing in the morning, stew it on the side of the stove and use from people wil make tea without bothering to wait until the kettle boils-the result is a tasteless, faintfly colored liquid with numerous tea leaves floating about in the cups. It never fails to give me the creeps because to my imagination the tea leaves look, for all the world, like dead fish floating about on the surface

Many people make a practise of steeping their tea, thereby drawing out all the injurious tannin, and then wonder why tea gives them indigestion. There is a fine art in making tea, as well as in everything else, and from my own personal experience I have reached the following conclusions:

"That the best tea is always the cheap-

That tea is only indigestible after being steeped. That water must always be freshly

That the tea pot must be warmed. That an earthenware or porcelain pot makes the best brew. -That tea for large social gatherings should be poured off the leaves into

King Bruce" of Scotland regained his get the same results from a cup of tea. From it they imbibe inspiration, energy

the stove and poured into tea pots as

as' Egyptian Liniment. Keep a bottle

New Industry Suggested for Maritime

Although Canada produces her own

turkeys for Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving and other festive occasions, the bulk of her cranberry requirements is supplied from outside sources. Statistics supplied by the Department of Agriculture for the Canadian National Railways show that every fear from 100 to 150 carloads of these berries are brought in from other parts of the continent, mainly the Cape Cod section of the State of Massachusetts." "Conditions of climate and soll, very similar to those obtaining the cranberry growing districts of Massachusetts, - prevail in certain areas Nova Scotla, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and we believe that all or at least a large part of Canada's needs could be produced there," states Mr. F. W. Walsh, Superintendent of Agriculture for the Railway Company. "With this in mind we have been endeavoring in the past couple of years to popularize the growing of these berries among the Maritime Provinces and progress is being made. Last year ten carloads were marketed in Montreal, Toronto, Winniper and Ottawa, and we believe that in the next few years this output will be considerably increased."

#### ENGLISH-AS SHE IS SPOKE

An auto tourist was travelling through the great Northwest, when he met with a slight accident to his machine. In some way he had mislaid his monkey. wrench, so he stipped at a nearby farmhouse, where the following conversation took place between himself Swede farmer:

"Naw; my brother he got a cattle rench over there; my cousin he got a sheep rench further down this road; but too cold here for a monkey rench."

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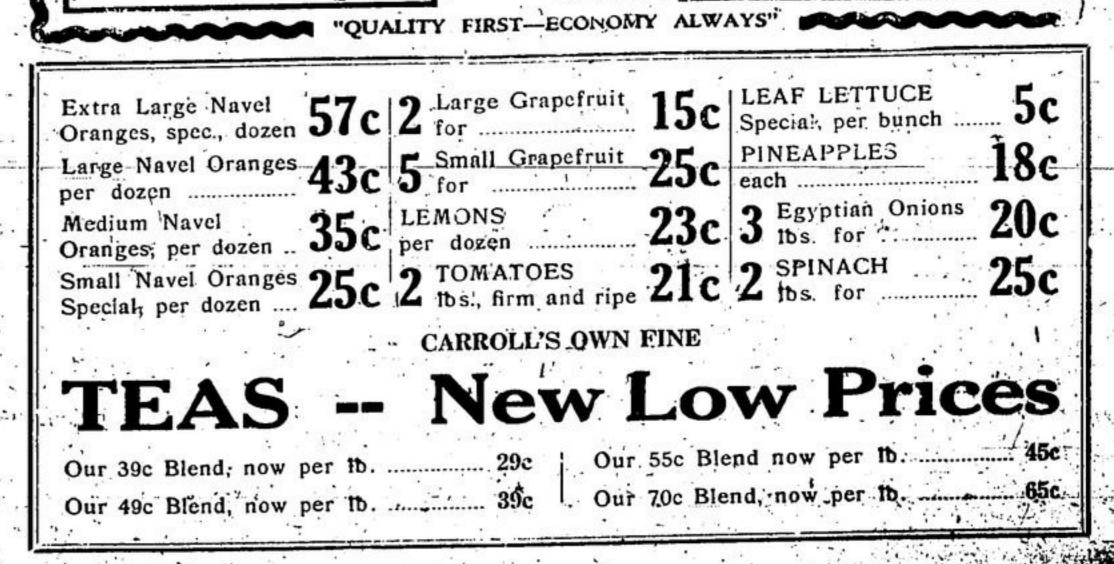
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