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EDITORIAL

Accidents and Compensation

During the month of April there were 3,518 accidents reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board, as compared with 3,836 during March, and 4,061 during April a year ago. The fatal cases numbered 23, as against 25 of last April. The benefits awarded amounted to $438,164.75, of which $356,511.88 was for compensation and $81,652.87 for medical aid. The benefits awarded during April a year ago amounted to $510,607.55.

Favorable and Unfavorable

During the 12-months ending March, Canada had a favorable balance of trade with the United Kingdom of $68,441,080, according to a summary of trade published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Trade with the United States showed an unfavorable balance of $107,199,786. The latter was a decrease of $113,284,208 from the previous 12 months. In the fiscal year 1931-32, Canada exported to the countries of the British Empire domestic products to the value of $218,829,262 and imports from the Empire were valued at $147,825,833, a favorbale balance to the Dominion of $70,994,429. Canadian exports of domestic products to foreign countries, the bureau adds, were $357,524,040 and imports from these countries $430,691,911, an unfavorable balance of $3,167,870.

A Difference

A great difference exists between a brick wall and a heap of bricks. To be sure, the bricks are in both, but in the wall they are held together by the mortar, so that they no longer are separate entities. They are united, unified. Some folks do a great many worth-while acts in the course of a year, but no one is so well aware as themselves that they do not count as they should. The reason is that they have no great controlling purpose, such as Paul had when he said, "This one thing I do." Instead, they act on the impulse of the moment. Some may do a generous act to-day, and to-morrow cheat in a trivial thing. There is no unity in their life, because there is no definite aim. Men have lived seventy years and over, and had nothing to show for it at the end but a heap of bricks. If you want to be counted among the builders, you cannot start too soon.

Who is to Blame?

The outcry of hardship and sensational stories being played up by certain of the sensational press when the deportation of leaders of riots is being carried out does not make for a solution of the problems that confront all leaders to-day. Men who have been guilty of crimes in other countries have found refuge in Canada. They dare not return to their own land and yet are not content unless they can stir up strife and incite riot in the country of their adoption. If we must have riots and uprisings in Canada, there are plenty of men who have been born and reared in the Dominion who will take up the cudgels for the common people at the proper time. If these men who could not live peaceably in their own country and have had opportunity in Canada and cannot exist under our conditions, they should return to their own land, if not without compulsion, then by force. They do not understand the requirements in this country and their conglomeration of ideas may be a fine theory but it will be a sorry day when they are given the opportunity to put them into practice. It is a pitiable thing when an individual has made himself an undesirable in his own and an adopted country, but just whose fault is such a situation?

A Hard Task

During a conversation some time ago with a prominent Actonian, this gentleman expressed the view that there were two vocations in which he would never like to engage. These two were a clergyman and an editor, and the reason given was that he would not care to have to give opinions for criticism, and be forced to give these continuously. That thought came back to us as we watched last week the progress of the County Musical Festival. We inwardly decided that there was one position we would never want—even if we had the qualifications—and that was adjudicator at a children's contest. True, these men for a day had irregular hours of eating and a tedious time, but that might occur in any vocation, and is not an insurmountable obstacle.

The thing which would have been hardest would have been the rendering of decisions. In some classes twenty-seven wistful mites came along and in voices that trembled, and excitement that kept them sometimes from doing their best, looked wistfully into the faces of those two adjudicators, and said in unspoken words: "Give us a break." The two officials were smiling and encouraging, but if we don't miss our guess they wish there had been 275 awards to make, instead of just one or two in each class. There were those whose musical ability just didn't take them into winning position but that childish expression of doing the utmost was—well, it's fortunate that we have people who can render an opinion in these matters without getting too sympathetic. Like our friend, who did not envy the clergyman or editor his position, we certainly did not want to change places with an adjudicator at a school children's musical festival.

A Lot of Patience

Another hard task but which was nevertheless admirably done, was the discipline and training of the children. To the audience it seemed sometimes monotonous to hear the same piece given as many as twenty-seven times, in twenty-seven different ways, by as many individuals. But how many times, we wonder, do those teachers of music listen to that same selection from the same pupils for many days and each time it was heard gave help and instruction to render the number better? Without a doubt Job didn't have all the patience in the world. Teachers and pupils might well be congratulated on the standards that were made possible only by hours of practice and attention to detail. There wasn't an event in the whole festival that didn't have competition that acclaimed the winner worthy of the prize. And those prizes mean a lot more than their value in dollars and cents. Just how over five hundred children were managed and brought into their places, so readily, and without confusion, is another part of modern teaching efficiency for which credit must be given. To parents and friends who witnessed the contest and judging it must indeed have been a revelation and all of us will no doubt have a greater appreciation of the services which teachers render in the various branches of education.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The spring epidemic of turning things about and inside out continues and we presume will be an important event until the warmer weather of summer diverts the attention to other activities.

According to schedule, the ball season will open in Halton County on May 21. Like hockey and other sports that are dependent on the weather, there is always a lot of doubt about schedules.

While the weather on Mother's Day was not the most pleasant it was apparently no deterrent to those who would not neglect the opportunity of honoring the mothers of the land and the memories of their lives.

Prince Edward Island's lobster catch in 1931 showed an increase of over $76,000 in marketed value as compared with 1930, or a total of nearly $880,000. The catch itself was 13,330 hundredweights larger than in the preceding year.

Surely the Government does not consider it has done its full duties in its investigations into political funds, when it causes the resignation of a Senator? Who else was mixed up in the deal? But only a non-partisan commission will divulge the complete story.

Even the Liquor Control Act feels the depression. A reduction in the size of the Board is announced, with a consequent saving in salaries and at the same time an increase in prices goes into effect. Not many business institutions can make such satisfactory arrangements to meet conditions, but then, not many enterprises enjoy a monopoly of the outlet of their product.

Nearly five thousand fresh water salmon are caught annually in the Restigouche and Kedgwick rivers, New Brunswick. These two rivers are regarded as among the very best in North America for salmon fishing. Leases on some stretches of these rivers were recently sold by the New Brunswick Provincial Government at an auction sale, held in Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

This week we had a letter which might quite easily have been written thirty years ago as far as the news in it was concerned. It told of the death of Partner's grandmother, who in another month would have seen her one hundred and fourth birthday. There were two columns about her in the paper and a photograph, showing her busy making pillow lace, at which she was an adept. In her young days she used to live near Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Disraeli, whom she knew very well, and Miss Disraeli, sister to the famous Benjamin, afterwards Lord Beaconsfield, was at one time her Sunday School teacher.

Little great-grandma, as we used to call her—she was no bigger than a minute—had lived in five reigns and at the time we last saw her, she still had a remarkable memory, and would tell us many interesting things belonging to a bygone age. She had eight children, twenty grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, and was interested in the welfare of them all. Her husband, who died fifty-seven years ago, was a stone mason, and it says in the paper that he was responsible for much of the work at Windsor Castle, notably the facing with stone of two of the large towers. Grandma's recipe for long life was "Work and plenty of it. Don't eat too much and refrain from intoxicants. Live plainly."

Family history has always had an intriguing interest for me, and only this week a strange coincidence came my way in connection with it. A little while ago I had a short story published and for want of a name I made use of my grandmother's maiden name. It had not struck me as being in any way uncommon, so I was quite surprised when I got a letter asking if the name was fictitious, as the writer did not know of any family bearing that name except those related to them. A few letters went back and forth, and as far as we could judge we were both branches from the same family tree. After that I let the matter drop, and practically forgot all about it, when lo and behold! one afternoon this week a strange car drove in the lane and unloaded a whole crowd of newly found fourty-fifth cousins. What I shall do if I unearth any more relations, I don't know, as my last count of relations, known and unknown, ran well over a hundred, scattered all over the world, and the half of them I have never seen.

My grandmother had ten children, all of them grew up and married and they each had about ten children each. They in turn grew up and married and simmered down to families with two, three or five, so on the face of it I suppose I am liable to find relations popping up in all kinds of unexpected places. Now my interest is revived, I must write to a cousin in England and find out a little more about the family tree. Tracing ancestors is quite fascinating—there is always the chance one may dig up a belted earl—on the other hand there is an equal chance one may find some grim skeleton locked away in the family cupboard. So far nothing like that has happened. I showed these people who came to see us my mother's photograph and the old gentleman declared she was exactly like his sister Annie! After this I shall have to keep an eye on the agony column and run through the list of unclaimed money every once in awhile.

In the meantime, life at Ginger Farm goes on much as usual. We have had one good crop—rain or shine this one particular crop never fails—Moppet has produced her annual crop of kittens, which have unceremoniously been reduced to one. Moppet, with the persistency of mother cats, has settled her family in the horse hay in the stable, immediately below the shute. Yesterday Partner was about to slide down a bag of chop, he remembered the cat and kitten. Down he came and removed them to a place of safety, returned to the barn and slid down two bags of chop. When he came back to the stable there was Moppet and her baby back in the hay, about two inches away from where Partner had dropped the bags. We are now wondering how many of her nine lives Moppet sacrificed in the cause of liberty.

We had our first feed of asparagus to-day and I see my lettuce and early peas are just peeking through the ground. One day this week I saw a chimney swift and another time a barn yard swallow, and there are lady birds on every window sill, the grass is growing greener and the daffodils are out, so I think perhaps we may safely think we have done with wintery weather at last. Of course we are also enjoying slippery, slushy weather once again, but I suppose it means "a million dollars" to the farmers, so we have no cause to grumble. I only wish it would pour down upon the fields and gardens and leave the road and the lane alone. Getting down the lane is awfully hard on the "Optimist," but so far she has lived up to her reputation, even if she does miss the ditch by inches, and leaves a drunkard's trail behind her in the lane.

GOING DOWN A PEG

Crazy Man—And who are you, may I ask?

Asylum Superintendent—Oh, I'm the Superintendent.

Inmate—Is that so? Well, you won't be for long. I was Napoleon when I first came here.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By Edson R Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma

That nothing offers such a big opportunity to please trade and build big volume business as does the right kind of advertising.

The printed page is the proper place for the seller to seek the buyer.

Advertising through the printed page is a progressive, convenient way to sell goods or service.

Truthful advertising proves itself in accomplishments.

Some business men have mistaken ideas about the kind of advertising that is best, while some others don't believe in any kind of advertising.

Some business concerns are falling because they forgot to make the proper appeals to the public through the printed page.

To those who do not know a business, it does not exist.

It takes persistent advertising to make the public know it and not forget it.

RIDDLES

What two birds can neither walk nor fly?
The scarecrow and the weather-cock.

Why is a horse like the letter O?
Because "Gee" (G) makes it go.

What can be sewn without a needle?
Seeds.

In what cord can a knot not be tied?
A cord of wood.

What trunk is that for which no lock can be made?
An elephant's trunk.

My first is used in driving; my second is needy; my third is a name; my whole is a bird.
Whip, Poor, Will—Whippoorwill.

WELL RECOMMENDED

Mistress—The last maid I had was too fond of policemen, Mary. I shall expect you to avoid them.

New Maid—Don't worry about that, ma'am. I 'ates the sight of 'em. My father's a burglar.

A MISTAKE

"I hardly feel like a stranger," said the best man at a wedding; "my friend has so often done me the honor of reading extracts from his dear Ivy's letters."

"Sir!" exclaimed the bride. "My name is Margaret."

LISTENING IN TO HERSELF

"Is your wife fond of listening in?"

"Not half so much as she is of speaking out."

WATCH YOUR ETIQUETTE

Smythe—My wife's aunt is staying with us this week.

Society Editor—She's your house guest?

Smythe—Sure. Did you think we were keeping her in the garage?

HARD WORK AND OTHER THINGS

Do not put too much faith in hard work. Essential as it is, hard work alone does no more than provide a bare living. Put intelligence into your work. Put initiative into it. Mix it with ambition. Stiffen it with will power. A great many people work hard all their lives, and have little to show for it except their calloused palms. You will never get far without hard work, but you will never get far if you rely on work alone.

POWER FOR PENNIES

SHREDDED WHEAT

Nourishing, energy-producing—two biscuits and milk make a complete meal.

Made in Canada with Canadian Wheat

THE CANADIAN SHREDDED WHEAT COMPANY, LTD.

J. Cadesky
OPTOMETRIST

WILL VISIT ACTON ON

Monday, June 6th

Anyone suffering from Eyestrain, Defective Vision or Headache should not miss the opportunity of consulting this eyesight specialist. Appointments may be made with Mr. A. T. Brown, Druggist.

CONSULTATION FREE
Office Hours: 9 a. m. till 4 p. m.

All day I trill my famous tune
Of why folks should at
Carroll's shop.
I hardly take an hour at noon
To put my dinner in my crop.

THE SERIOUS QUESTION Of Buying Foods

Food buying IS a serious business. Keep your weather eye on quality—anything less than the best isn't safe. But buying the best doesn't mean paying more—not if you shop at Carroll's. We don't sacrifice quality to make low prices—we sacrifice OUR PROFITS to give you bargains. Look at this week's outstanding values . . . and all special prices effective till May 19!

CARROLL'S LIMITED

Carroll's Sliced Wrapped BACON pound 16c
Carroll's Rich Old CHEESE pound 23c
Snow Cap British Columbia PILCHARDS 1-lb. tin 14c
Brunswick Sandwich SARDINES 5 tins 25c

SPECIAL! Premier Japan Rice 3 lbs. 17c
SPECIAL! Clover Leaf Pink Salmon 1-lb. tin 10c
SPECIAL! Silver Star Flour 24-lb. bag 47c
SPECIAL! Carroll's Pure Baking Powder 1-lb. tin 18c

LIDO Liquid COFFEE 4-oz. btl. 35c
French Canadian Pea SOUP 2 tins 19c
Choice Clean Pitted DATES 2 lbs. 25c
Egg-O Ready-Mixed CAKE 1-lb. pkg. 23c

Special— FAIRY SOAP 5 cakes 17c
Special— GOLD SOAP 5 bars 19c
FLAKED LYE Gillett's 2 tins 23c
Johnson's Paste or Liquid FLOOR WAX large size 55c
GILLEX pkg. For Paint Cleaning 9c

Sun Maid PUFFED Raisins 2 lbs. 29c
Santa Clara NEW SWEET Prunes 3 lbs. 25c
Burford Brand BARTLETT Pears 2 No. 2 tins 27c
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK lg. tin 19c
Carroll's Special Ceylon TEA pound 29c
Carroll's Own Fresh Ground COFFEE lb. 45c
Carroll's Own Pure Bulk COCOA lb. 15c
Aylmer JUMBO SWEET Peas No. 2 tin 15c
Aylmer Choice GOLDEN BANTAM Corn 3 No. 2 tins 27c
Patrico Brand TANGY KIPPER Snacks 5 tins 25c

McLaren's Jelly Powders 4 pkgs. 23c
Nature's Best or Aylmer Choice TOMATOES 3 No. 2 tins 20c
Campbell's Beans With Pork 2 tins 15c

"QUALITY FIRST—ECONOMY ALWAYS"

New Cabbage per lb. 9c
2 Leaf Lettuce bunches for 13c
PINEAPPLES Extra Large Size each 21c Per Dozen $2.40
Large Sunkist Oranges, per doz. 35c
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