

### Merry Chrstmas to All!

with us in the course of a day or so. The cul-

## An Appreciated Move

undertaking the duty of attending to the meals of Remembrance Day in true hypocritical style. inconvenient times to the housewife. Then again on Remembrance Day. It's fourteen years after! there are among these men individuals who show no appreciation of the food given and often destroy it and continue to ask for something more to their. fancy. There have been about 175 or more of these men who have this year registered at Acton. Commencing on Monday, when the Chief takes particulars as to their whereabouts, they will be given tickets for a substantial, nourishing meal. Citizens can be of greatest assistance by refusing any aid to these men. It can best and most economically be one convert having been announced from Queen's administered by the Welfare Board, through Chief Park. It is to be hoped they will return when McPherson. The funds that would otherwise be the Legislature is in session. used to feed them individually can be given to the Treasurer of the Board and augmented by contributions from the Government. All may rest assured that the requirements of these transient visitors are being cared for and further help to them in Acton will only be a duplication.

## Who Will be Warden?

draws nigh, that we haven't indulged in any thought have had no small undertaking and many of them of the Wardenship in Halton for 1933. Of course will welcome the coming of fresh help to take up the in many centres the municipal nominations are yet burden for 1933. to be held and it is yet problematical just what members will comprise the Halton County Council next year. For several years the name of Reeve George Harris, of Burlington, has been prominently connected with the selection of a Warden. Mr. Geo. Harris has served the County as head of the Finance committee for more than one year... He has had several years of experience in the work of the County Counci and has graciously stood aside while older men at the Council table have had the honor conferred upon them. We do not know, nor do we care, which municipality's turn it may be to have their representative have the honor. But back about three or four years ago it was argued that it was the Oxford Group. then Burlington's turn for the appointment and those who do believe in that system will have no hesitation in according their support. Of course a number of things may happen yet and Georgetown and Acton are the only two communities who are at all sure of who will represent them in the County Council next year.

again a year hence.

#### Fourteen Years After!

That we believe was the heading of an editorial on Remembrance Day. A little over a month later we use it again. This time it was called to mind by the announcement in the daily papers last week that the Halton County Conservative Association had recommended Mr. J. M. MacKenzie, of Milton, to receive the appointment of Clerk of the Supreme Court and County Court Clerk. When we recalled that at least one very capable returned soldier had likewise applied for the position, the thought of the Remembrance Day, just a month past, came up. We wondered if Remembrance Day and cigarette wrappers were the extent of the reward of those who had served overseas. A recollection of past political appointments in the County flashed by in mind's review. The last three, if-memory served us aright had gone to Milton. A little over a year ago, among the applicants for the position of Police Magistrate in 'the County, we believe, was a returned man from Acton. We don't know what happened, but we do ing precious gifts to the Infant Christ know he did not get the appointment. Now another but I think they found ever greater vacancy arises, and a very capable returned man from Acton was among those who aspired for the position. The announcement is made that the endorsation of the party goes to another Milton man. We have nothing against the appointee. We would judge friendships renewed. Everyone calls out from reports that his qualifications were ample. But no more so than those possessed by the returned baker, the candlestick maker, and the man from Acton who applied for the situation. The maker respond in kind and pass the his wife, bent over to catch his words. announcement on Tuesday that Attorney-General message along. Price had confirmed the recommendation of an executive, which was peculiarly unrepresentative of any place but Milton, and turned down the returned their girl-in-training from the hospital. soldiers again, came as no surprise. It seemed to run particularly true to form from this department. The returned soldiers in Halton County can look upon Provincial wreaths and crocodile tears of Remembrance Day as just so much hypocrisy. The proven plan in Halton is to give nothing but sympathy to the veteran and the fat juicy plums of appointments. and practical assistance to those who manipulate Once again the Christmas season draws nigh. from the County Town. The plan seems to be that The greatest event throughout the world will be men do not receive reward for services to their country at the front but rather for a waiting, watchmination of all the loving gift planning will be here ful residence in the County Town for the garnering in a few hours. It is a season unique and entirely of the appointments as they become vacant. The different from that of any other time of year. It Conservative recommendation from Milton-has been been invited guests. seems the one time of year when the cares and ably seconded by just what would be expected from worries of everday matters are excluded and Queen's Park. Service to one's country is secondary smothered in the joy of doing for others. The gifts and a mere trifle to service to one's party. Mr. may be limited by circumtances but the joy of giving Price has run true to form. It's fourteen years after knows no limitations. It's Christmas time again. and Queen's Park has forgotten all about the war. The editor and FREE PRESS staff wish one and all the With all his other faults, Hon. G. H. Ferguson very\_merriest and happiest of Ohristmases for 1932. remembered the veterans in a practical way but it seems that the present administration has forgotten even this one virtue. Another wreath from the This year, in God's Acre, a snow covered Province of Ontario will arrive next November 11, The action of the Acton Welfare Board in in all probability. That's the method to observe for idle transport of despair." the transient unemployed who come to Acton is one will be fifteen years next November-Victory bonds that will be appreciated by citizens generally. None still draw interest, war debts of money must be met begrudge, these men a meal but often they call at but obligations to those who served are atoned for and our time.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

The night after to-morrow night is the one that has been eagerly anticipated by many a youngster for the past month. It's the night before Christmas

The Oxford Group are leaving Toronto without

Premier Bennett, who was going to blast his way to world markets for Canadian products had best load his shells with Canadian wheat. It is said it is selling at the lowest price in four hundred years.

The past week has seen the final meetings of 1932 municipal bodies and those officials who have steered We are just reminded, as the closing of the year the municipal bodies through this troublesome year

> An order for 15,000,000 feet board measure of sawn lumber to be shipped in 1933 has been received by a large lumber firm whose headquarters are in Quebec City, from a firm in London, England. This order will provide work for an additional 500 men.

Some folks' idea of war service is the renting such lack of sympathy at Christmas of a hall and shouting of their ability at organizing the other chaps who did the fighting. The announcement of the County Registrar appointment endeavors to cover these points. Milton needs a visit of

The manufacture of soap and soap compounds in Ganada in 1931 was valued at over \$17,000,000. In the manufacture of these products 58,000,000 pounds of grease, tallow and other ordinary soap stock were used. In the production of fine toilet soaps more than 16,000,000 pounds of cocoanut oil, 8,600,000 pounds of palm oil, 1,300,000 pounds of Santa Claus suits can be packed away in peanut oil, 17,500 pounds of olive oil, 17,000 pounds the little after Saturday night for popularity and of linseed oil, 15,000 pounds of corn oil, and 22,000 pounds of glycerine were used

# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

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Happy Christmas, everybody, and may you all have enough fire to warm your toes and enough of the milk of human kindness to warm your heart! - Never mind about the presents you haven't been able to give or the Christmas cake ou did not make. A loving message can often give more heart cheer than a costly gift and you will never miss the cake unless you stop to think about it. You often hear it said that a person gets out of life just about what he or she puts into it. Isn't that specially true of Christmas? The Wise Men of the East found great happiness in bringhappiness through their association with the message of peace and goodwill.

Even the past cold spell hasn't been enough to freeze that glow of kindliness common to most people at Christmas time. Old grudges are forgotten, old "Happy Christmas" to the butcher, the

In so many homes mothers and fathers are looking forward to the Christmas home-coming of their boy from the city of Boys and girls, some away for the first time, anticipate joyously a happy family ing." gathering—they did not realize how much Mysterious little parcels and packages the store!" are smuggled into the house amid cheery welcomes and embraces. Everyone is a little more solicitous of Grandma's rheumatism, and Granddad finds an unusually attentive audience when he recalls to mind other Christmases and asks "Mother" if she recollects the time they were going to your Uncle Fred's and got lost in a blizzard and were taken in by the Karl Schmidt family, who strangers in the district but so friendly, and gladly shared with them Christmas dinner, just like as if they had

Daughter listens to the old people's reminiscences and smiles happilly because another Christmas has come and still she has them with her. Dear old people, doubly precious because the sands of life are running low.

In some homes there is a subdued quality in the Christmas rejoicing-a furtive wiping of tear-dimmed eyes. Perhap last year in the home there was laughing, buoyant, care-free youth mound . . . but life goes 'on-there is still one's duty to the living-"No time

Yes, there are so many things that make a difference to our Christmas preparations. The weather, the extent of our purses, our own inclinations, yes

This year, at any rate, we cannot say but what the weather has been seasonable-too seasonable, perhaps, to suit a good many people. As a result of snow and cold we have most of us suffered a good many inconveniences but neither gladly nor patiently, I am afraid. For instance, a week ago I went to town; since then I have done my shopping by elephone. Yesterday Partner and I did try to get the car going, but no, not a kick could we get, out of her, in spite of the fact that she had been treated to alcohol, winter oil and a new charged battery. I think the real trouble was that her optimism was frozen up! Anyway, there she sat, like a great big white elephant, leaving me to hoof it to town. couldn't take the buggy, because I night have left the wheels on the road; couldn't take the cutter, because the snow plough had very obligingly removed all the snow from the road, so there was nothing for it but to walk. Walking is good exercise, of course-I have done enough of it, so I ought to know-but when cold weather brings along with it such a dose of chilblains that there isn't enough room in one's boots for chilblains and feet at the same time then walking, instead of being a pleasurable, healthy exercise, becomes -not-a pleasure but a penance. But walk I had to-all the way to town and all the way back again. My cramped feet got colder and colder-it was, down-right torture to put one foot down after the other. How glad I was to get home to. get my shoes off, but oh boy! only for the first few minutes. Then life began to get back to my pedal extremities, and could almost have yelled with the pain, for there was I-with hot-ache in one big tee. Partner laughed, and the children laughed-not one of them had any sympathy for me in my suffering-But oh, that isn't the worst. The zero - winds have frozen all my plants,

even my beautiful Christmas cactus, that had about a hundred and fifty blooms on if last year, has, I am afraid, expired; so now I haven't bloom or a plant of any kind for Christmas.

But I can still wish you one and all happy Christmas, but even more than that I wish everyone a prosperous year. Prospercus in health and work and happiness and enough of this world's currency to keep the home fires burning.

SUBSTITUTE FOR CASH

Contentment is better Than riches, they say, SEASON

River St. Lawrence was a particularly intelligent and courageous chough to busy one for the Port of Montreal. Up lead. to the end of November 964 ocean-going in April, when navigation on the river opened. This number was an increase of 153 over the 1931 season. Among the principal imports unloaded at Montreal was British coal, which this year has reached record proportions, and the coal-handling facilities were taxed to them, without effort on their part, capacity to unload the vessels laden with Welsh and Scotch anthracite. Grain game won't work." deliveries were about 110,000,000 bushels, an increase of 21 millions over the out- you have to go after it. ward shipments last year.

St. Lawrence, 1,000 miles inland from the open sea, is now one of the largest and appointed by the Canadian Government. The port is provided with the most modern equipment and facilities for the bring results. discharge and loading of every kind of cargo. Vessels with a gross tonnage up to 20,000 can be accommodated at any of the wharves.

#### BUSINESS TO THE END

butcher, the baker and the candlestick weeping. His lips moved, and Rachel "Is everybody present?" he whispered.

> "Yes.- dear," sobbed Rachel, "we are "Is Moses here? And Reuben an Rebecca and little Ikey?".

"Yes, father, we are all here listen-

"Just as I thought. I'm not dead yet home meant to them until they left, and already they have begun to neglect

### A GOLFING ARGUMENT

Bill-I'm telling you, Dick, you took Dick-You're mistaken, Bill, it was, only 27. I kept a close count."

Bill-"All right, have it your own

## PLEASE CONSIDER THE DEPRES-

Gee X-When I watch the procession of cars on the highways Sunday, I am convinced that the Chinese are not the only people who travel in junks:-Hard-Hearted Hiram.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THEOR! By Edson R. Waite, Shawnee, Oklahoma

That live cities have leaders who are

vessels arrived at the port, since early enough citizens toward a programme for heading, particularly towards the bottom development, it is sure to be carried of the panicle.

many cities would be moving backward.

When cities wait for prosperity to hit usually misses them.

When you want anything in this world

A study of the situation will show The Port of Montreal, on the River that any live city has many advantages

When a prospect is in sight, everymost important ports in the world. Its thing possible should be done to land it. administration and operation come under When no prospects are in sight, boosters the Montreal Harbor Commission, a body should go out and hunt them. With the right kind of effort-they can be found. Properly directed co-operation will

#### THERE IS A REASON

Latest figures as to the volume of sales of officially branded beef throughout Canada show a total of 16,179,999 pounds quarter pounds is reported from for this rapid expansion in the sales of officially branded beef and the best way to appreciate that reason is to order cut of officially branded beef from your butcher and realize the satisfaction of good beef quality which the official brand ensures.

#### WISE SURGEON

an operation and found the blinds of the room drawn. "Why are those blinds down, doctor?"

"Well," said the physician, "there's a fire burning across the alley, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation had been a failure."

### GETTING AN EVEN BREAK

"How did you come out with your

"I won it." "Get damage?"

"Sure. Got almost enough to pay my lawyer."

The term "blast" or "blight" has been given to a type of sterility commonly sumably lowers itself in the form of When they command the allegiance of white, empty glumes at the time of

Many investigators have studied on not definitely been determined. The percentage of "empty glumes" in some years is often very high; thus in 1932 at Ottawa some varieties were "blasted" The "waiting to the extent of over 30 per cent. Many theories concerning the causes of "blast" in nats have been offered. Some years. ago it as thought by some people that a certain small insect, the thrip, was the cause of the "trouble." Other evidence showed that there seemed to be some relation between oat "blast" and a disease called hola blight. More recently, however, it has been observed that "blast" appears' to be associated very closely with soil and weather conditions at a critical period during the development of the plants, shortly before heading. Just what factors are responsible and what effect they produce to cause this type of sterility has not been determined. It is probable, however, that extremely favorable growth conditions followed by a sudden check in the for 1932 to date as compared with 13 .- development of the young oat grain at 908,788 pounds for the occresponding a time most critical in the early stages period last year, or an increase of 2,271 .- of kernel formation, may be largely re-211 pounds. It is particularly interesting sponsible for the trouble. It has also been suggested that certain soil deficiencles may also have an effect in producing oat "blast." There is some evidence to show that soil lacking in notash may tend to aggravate conditions favorable to the development of the "blast."

> Some preliminary work on the problem of oat "blast" was begun by the Cereal Division, C. E. F., in 1931. A survey of many varieties was made in 1932 with a view of determining whether certain varieties were actually more resistant than others to the trouble. There is little doubt but that there is a tendency towards resistance to oat "blast" in som varieties and this information, when well established, will offer possibilities insofar as breeding resistant varieties is concerned. This Division is planning to investigate the matter more thoroughly as the latter is-believed to be one of some importance.

### THE MYSTERY SOLVED

Bilch-How long have you known you

Nortz-Two years.

Bilch-Butt you have been married that long. Nortz-I didnt know her until we were



Large Sunkist Navel Oranges Medium Sunkist Navel Oranges

per dozen .

Small Sunkist Navel Oranges per dozen ...

10 Cooking Onions

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