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EDITORIAL

Merry Christmas to All!

Once again the Christmas season draws nigh. The greatest event throughout the world will be with us in the course of a day or so. The culmination of all the loving gift planning will be here in a few hours.

An Appreciated Move

The action of the Acton Welfare Board in undertaking the duty of attending to the meals of the transient unemployed who come to Acton is one that will be appreciated by citizens generally.

Who Will be Warden?

We are just reminded, as the closing of the year draws nigh, that we haven't indulged in any thought of the Wardenship in Halton for 1933. Of course in many centres the municipal nominations are yet to be held and it is yet problematical just what members will comprise the Halton County Council next year.

The Santa Claus suits can be packed away in the warehouse after Saturday night for popularity and gain 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.

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 one convert, having been announced from Queen's Park. It is to be hoped they will return when the Legislature is in session.

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 the municipal bodies through this troublesome year have had no small undertaking and many of them will welcome the coming of fresh help to take up the burden for 1933.

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 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 Oxford Group.

The manufacture of soap and soap compounds in Canada 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 18,000,000 pounds of cocoanut oil, 8,600,000 pounds of palm oil, 1,300,000 pounds of peanut oil, 17,500 pounds of olive oil, 17,000 pounds of linseed oil, 15,000 pounds of corn oil, and 22,000 pounds of glycerine were used.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

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 you did not make.

Even the past cold spell hasn't been enough to freeze that glow of kindness common to most people at Christmas time. Old grudges are forgotten, old friendships renewed. Everyone calls out "Happy Christmas" to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, and the milkman.

In some homes there is a subdued quality in the Christmas rejoicing—a faint winking of tear-dimmed eyes. Perhaps last year in the home there was laughing, buoyant, care-free youth.

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, and our time.

This year at any rate, we cannot say that the weather has been reasonable—too reasonable, 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.

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 it last year, has, I am afraid, expired, so now I haven't bloom on a plant of any kind for Christmas.

But I can still wish you one and all a happy Christmas, but even more than that I wish everyone a prosperous year. Prosperous 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, Oh, would that our groove Would take it as pay.

PORT OF MONTREAL'S BUSY SEASON

The 1932 season of navigation on the River St. Lawrence was a particularly busy one for the Port of Montreal. Up to the end of November 964 ocean-going vessels arrived at the port, since early in April, when navigation on the river opened. This number was an increase of 153 over the 1931 season.

BUSINESS TO THE END

Abraham was dying, and around him members of his family were grouped weeping. His lips moved, and Rachel, his wife, bent over to catch his words. "Is everybody present?" he whispered.

A GOLFING ARGUMENT

Bill—I'm telling you, Dick, you took 28. Dick—you're mistaken, Bill, it was only 27. I kept a close count.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE DEPRESSION

Geese 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 junk—Hard-Hearted Hiram.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

That live cities have leaders who are intelligent and courageous enough to lead. When they command the allegiance of enough citizens toward a programme for development, it is sure to be carried out.

THERE IS A REASON

Latest figures as to the volume of sales of officially branded beef throughout Canada show a total of 16,179,989 pounds for 1932 as compared with 13,908,788 pounds for the corresponding period last year, or an increase of 2,271,211 pounds.

WISE SURGEON

A patient in a hospital awoke after an operation and found the blinds of the room drawn.

GETTING AN EVEN BREAK

"How did you come out with your law suit?" "I won it."

BLAST OR BRIGHT IN OATS

The term "blast" or "blight" has been given to a type of sterility commonly found in the oat crop and which presumably lowers itself in the form of white, empty glumes at the time of heading, particularly towards the bottom of the panicle.

THERE IS A REASON

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.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED

Bilch—How long have you known your wife? North—Two years.

CARROLL'S LIMITED advertisement featuring various food products like mincemeat, mixed nuts, almonds, walnuts, raisins, and puddings with prices.

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