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Still on the Job The liquor interests are carrying on an extensive campaign continually these days for greater markets and more drunks. The Moderation League seems untiring in its circulars and education of the public to approve of the sale of intoxicating liquor by the glass in Ontario. The hotelkeepers have not forgotten the immense profits made in barroom days and long for a return of prosperity at the expense of the degradation of the manhood of Canada. The Government is also being pressed to loosen up the restrictions on advertising of intoxicating drinks in Ontario. This week we were canvassed for a subscription to a magazine we usually have had. We refused our subscription on the ground of the liquor advertising the publication contained. The argument advanced by the canvasser was to the effect that if his company did not accept this advertising it could not survive financially. We were told one disappear. small whiskey ad brought in a revenue of \$500 monthly. The magazine is published in Quebec. The liquor interests are willing to spend-big sums of money to advance the sale of their goods. The Liquor Control Act helped them some but the profits are being made by the Government, which is quite unsatisfactory. There is nothing that will satisfy these selfish interests except the open sale of in-

## **Business Summary**

toxicating beverages without restrictions of any kind.

If there ever was a time for temperance people to

be alert and active it is now. If strong opposition is

again with the barrooms in every community.

The monthly business summary published by the Bank of Montreal gives the following synopsis of general conditions: "The winter mid-season period is usually one of marking time, and this year presents no exception. In all branches of business briskness is lacking, commodity prices are low, there is no incentive to purchase stocks beyond current needs and no outlet for larger production of manufacturers. Nor is it probable that this condition will be relieved until seeding-time and water navigation again come around. Yet bright spots can be seen. Canada, for instance, is doing more trade with Empire countries largely a result of the Imperial Economic Conference agreement, the ratio of decline in bank debits is growing less, some new industries and branch factories are being established, and commodities prices having apparently reached an irreducible minimum may fairly be considered rock bottom. The of 7,542,573 barrels of which 1,413,631 barrels came banking position is of exceptional strength, unpredentedly so, indeed, the credit resources of the banks the Province of Ontario and 6,577 barrels from the being adequate to accommodate the requirement of Province of New Brunswick. The Turner Valley a greatly enlarged trade. Intercourse and commerce field accounted for 1,334,039 barrels of the Alberta with the United States are adversely affected by the production. depreciation of the Canadian dollar in terms of gold and by tariff restrictions, but in Canada's outside We are indeed indebted to some friend in Belfast, commerce, as a whole, there is a continuing favorable Ireland, for a copy of a booklet, entitled "Britain's balance, the excess of domestic exports over imports Recovery." It certainly gives in very concise form a in the last ten months having been \$61,000,000. Some picture of the state of affairs in the Old Land prior increase in prices of farm products has latterly oc- to the formation of the National Government and the curred, though they are still abnormally low and recovery that is now being made there. We have discouraging to producers. Wheat has risen ten greatly appreciated the opportunity to peruse this Mill Street

#### Hard to Enforce Collection

The Kincardine News relates a story told in Montreal about a certain bank there notifying a big retail business institution of that city, who do a large credit or charge account business, they would have to reduce the amount of money they owned the bank. The head of the business institution said that owing to the slow manner in which the customers were paying they couldn't very well reduce their liability to the bank. The bank manager insisted that they would have to. The store manager asked the banker if he would like to see a list of customers who owed the store more than the store owed the bank. Upon the list being produced, it included five directors of that bank and over thirty directors of other banks and trust companies. Needless to say the store did not have to pay up, nor did they have their line of credit reduced.

#### The Way is Open

The announcement last week that Premier Bennett invites a form of reciprocity with the United States looks like the first move toward a lowering some time I hope the sun may set, and of the tariff walls for all countries. It is twenty-two years since the defeat of the Laurier Government on this question. The Conservative Government received instantaneous support from the Liberal's when Premier Bennett made his statement. It seems yard is nothing but a mudhole. about time that all people would come to a realization that a tariff wall around every country does not promote the welfare of that country or all countries. add to one's difficulties when teaching The Conference in Ottawa last, year was a fine move calf to drink. toward promoting greater trade within the Empire. Now it is to be hoped the circle is widening and other countries will see the folly of high tariff walls. High tariffs have not brought about a happy condition in the republic to the south of us, where the bank failures and general break-down of institutions has been noted in the past few months. It has not brought prosperity back in Canada where the farmer has life at all. Generally there is father, wheat and all his commodities to sell and yet cannot with his paper; mother, with her darnfind a market for them. Farm products have reached the lowest level in years under a high protective the light over their left shoulder, so the policy and until the farmer of Canada receives a fair return for his products this country will never have a measure of prosperity. The way appears open for Canada with all parties agreed. The next move will necessarily come from the United States and be based on just how disgusted our neighbors have become with a high protective policy.

### EDITORIAL NOTES

In a campaign for relief funds the Town of Dundas collected over \$11,000, and it is expected that the total will reach \$12,000.

The woodpile, which used to be part of every back-yard is former years, is again very much in evidence at many homes in town:

The jig-saw puzzle fad still continues to com-

pete with bridge as a popular form of winter evening pastime. With the coming of spring both will likely

The canvass for Welfare Board funds has not been entirely completed. If you have a contribution you may still take a share in this work of helping the other chap.

During the month of January 180 transients were accommodated for one night at the Town Hall and 354 meals were given and paid for by funds of the Acton Welfare Board.

not given at the present time Ontario will find itself Huntsville, according to reports, is also due for a relief fund probe. It is said the Winter Carnival there was assisted through with funds supplied by the Governments for relief purposes.

> Production of coal from Alberta mines for the year 1932 totalled 4,870,030 tons, which was an increase of about 300,000 tons over 1931. Of the 1932 production, 2,576,831 tons were domestic coal, 559,479 were sub-bituminous, and 1,733,720 were bituminous.

> The Chairman and President of the C. P. R. is handing out a lot of advice these days by way of addresses on the question of Canada's railway problem. It would seem that he should be more conversant with the C. P. R. railway problem-and possibly he is more concerned for that company.

Final figures for the production of crude petro!cum from Canadian wells in 1931 show a total output from the Province of Alberta; 122,665 barrels from

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Light on a farm-abundance of it-o lack of it-have people in town ever realized just what it means in either

Light can hardly be classed as one of our heaviest items in considering living xpenses but yet there is nothing that can help or mar our struggle for efficiency so much as light.

Fortunately Hydro is becoming more

common on farms to-day than it was a few years ago, but of that we personally know nothing, so I can only guess at the tremendous convenience it must be where it is installed. Of coal oil illumination I know plenty, so of that I can speak with authority. Some time I hope the day may dawn-no, that's not rightall we shall have to do is press a button and the house will be flooded with light And there will be a light midway from house to barn, so that we may hit the high spots in our peregrinations back inside the barn it will be as light one end as the other, so that it will not be necessary to hang on to a flashlight to

Coal oil-lamps-oh. yes, great things to work by! Not so bad where there is only one person in the room, then it is possible to draw the lamp close to the edge of the table, sit so that the light shines over your left shoulder and it is then possible to read or work quite comfortably. But no one is alone very long unless actualy living alone-or at least they shouldn't be if there is any family ing; and the children with their homework. Impossible for everyone to have lamp is generally placed in the centre of the table and its radiance (?) shared

Pernicketty things-lamps are. It takes quite a lot of experience to get used to their ways. They need the best of attention and even then a lamp wick is about the hardest thing in this world to get even. Snip off one corner and it flares up in the other, straighten that and it jumps up in the middle. But perhaps the worst offenders are lamps having circular wicks. Light such a lamp in the dining room, go off to the kitchen

evening that somebody wants something slip and every time you moved the pillow from another room, and it being impos- you moved the flashlight too. sible to have a light burning everywhere, a lamp must therefore be carried along: It is a risky proceeding at any time, and most unsafe for children. We' had a visitor once who fell from top to bottom of the stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand. By some miracle she was not

badly hurt and the lamp did not explode. We always make a practice of letting the got the price to pay for iteman children carry a flashlight about the house and also in the winter to keep one upstairs at night. It is an expensive business but not so expensive or risky as electric light.

a fire would be.

And there are occasions when the family goes out for the evening. When you come home father unlocks the door while the rest-of the family stand shivering on the doorstep. The door unlocked, you step just inside-no further-while father fumbles in his pocket for matches A match is lighted—burns out—goes out -and you hear slightly unparliamentary language from the head of the house because the lamp isn't in the exact spot where he is sure he left it. Mother thinks she knows where it is, and comes to the escue, but unfortunately collides with father in the dark. The impact is terrible. Then somebody remembers the flashlight, which has been in father's pocket all the time but the flashlight dead and Tefuses to give a glimmer of light. Coming home to a dark house a lovely climax to the end of a perfect

a cry is heard from one of the children's the fine!"

to fix the soup for supper and if you bedrooms. Something is wrong and you have turned that lamp the least little bit want to get there as quickly as possible too high, as sure as anything you will go Half asleep, you feel hurriedly for the back and find the room full of smoke, flashlight under your pillow-first one smuts on everything in sight and out of side and then the other. It isn't there. sight, too, and your curtains, particularly but it must be there. You try again . . if freshly washed, will be a sight for the here, you have your hand on it . . . it's gone again. At last you make the dis-There is always some time during every covery it has slipped inside the pillow

> There is another thing. Lamps won't burn without oil, and the oil barrel and the oil can have an uncanny way of getting empty at the most inconvenien times. The oil can goes dry when there is no man around to fill it and the oil barrel when the lane is too muddy to have the oil truck in or when you haven't

> Great thing-light. Once a rush light was all we asked-now we think we are hard used if we have anything less than

> Strangled with Asthma is the only expression that seems to convey what is endured from an attack of this trouble The relief from Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is beyond Where all was suffering there omfort and rest. Breathing becomes normal and the bronchial tubes completely cleared. This unequalled remedy s worth many times its price to all who

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J. Cadesky

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