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Notwithstanding the fact that the people Canada cat more egs and butter than the people any other country and register high as meat eaters they also enjoy fruit. The statisticians of the Canadian Government have just released the figures on fruit consumption in Canada for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1933, which show that the domestic consumption of apples was 2,272,100 barrels, of oranges, 2,683,471 boxes, and 3,325,900 stems o bananas. On the basis of the population of 10,506,

000 the average per capita consumption was about one-fifth of a barrel of apples; more than onequarter of a box of oranges; and less than one-third of a stem of bananas. The total domestic consumption of the commercial apple crop grown in Canada has been fairly consistent during the past ten years; varying in somewhat the same manner as commercial production, whereas imports show a gradual decrease, which has been more rapid during the last two years. Bananas show a steady increase in imports but with a drop during the 1932-33 season to about the 1927 28 level, although the population has increased at a greater rate and during the last three consumption per capita has declined. Imports of oranges vary from year to year and show no decided trend to decrease or increase, which trend is also lacking in the consumption per capita.

## Moral Not a Legal Obligation

made that a municipality was obligated to provide another centre might not result in the building up Pirst there is a whir and flutter of wings for the maintainance of those who are in distress of such staunch friendships that have been tried and as a result of unemployment. The statement so proven in both fat and lean years. In a word the by such a chipping and cheeping as often repeated is due for a severe setback as a biggest assets we have accumulated in our sojourn result of a Division Court case in Hamilton recently. were not the machinery and equipment, business and In commenting on this decision, the Owen Sound physical assets, but something that could not be Sun-Times says: "It appears that a Hamilton man counted in dollars and cents. We're not so conceited was deprived of relief by the city because he was to think that someone else cannot run THE FREE the owner of an automobile and a radio. He entered PRESS to better advantage than we can. The prospec- "The Yeoman of the Guards." After suit against the authorities on behalf of his children tive buyer was equipped in many ways much better and himself, and the decision of the Division Court than we are to serve the readers. Perhaps we were was that municipal governments are not bound to selfish in not giving him the opportunity he desired to can at least be sure of getting it and provide relief; that any assistance given is a publish Acton's paper. Perhaps we were not fair to privilege and not a right, so far as the recipient is our readers. Among other things that adorn the concerned. It might be well for a good many people walls of the editor's office is a picture that hangs to realize just what is involved in a judgment of directly above the desk. It is an extremely good small but good, only we have not heard that kind. There is a certain kind of individual who likeness of the late H. P. Moore. That photograph the voice for over two years. Something and his family, and who believes that the civic at any rate, the editorship of THE FREE PRESS remains authorities have no other alternative but to provide the same and THE FREE PRESS is, at present, not for him with the necessities of life. This Hamilton sale. judgment shows that Canadian municipalities, are under no such obligation, that they are not legally compelled to provide food and shelter for those in need. There is, however, a moral obligation which can hardly be ignored, and is not being ignored. funicipal authorities everywhere recognize this and cordingly, but that does not alter the situation ing that is done is not done because those degal claim, but because the authoriome the duties of providing relie

Charles Should be Supported Locally

Almost every day of every week the average town as the spectagle of an automobile on the streets and a huge banner announcing that it will be given away as a lucky draw. The car is accompanied by a couple of canvassers selling tickets, usually at a quarter spiece and the suggestion is to buy as many tickets as you think your luck requires to win the car. It is enough to ask each municipality to carry its own charitable enterprises. . So far we bave not heard of one of these cars being won by an Actonian, so that it can be said that the money given is purely for charity, This week one of these outfits journeyed all the way from Bowmanville to sell tickets in this district. In Amherstburg the municipality is getting after these outsiders. In that municipality a permit from the Mayor is necessary before any such canvasses can be carried on. The sooner all municipalities adopt such measures the better it will be. The causes usually for which Thank goodness it isn't the other way these chances are sold are of local interest in the round. On the evening of the same day first essential along with grain feeds community and should be supported by the citizens of that municipality. The fewer permits handed ing myself so I'm beginning to think I out by a Mayor empowered to stop the nuisance am in for a busy time. And I have just would be a real service to the community he heads. refused an invitation to join some friends

#### Generosity Not to be Surpassed

The Mail and Empire in commenting on editorial last week urging the construction Acton to Milton highway says; "These Halton mun- and cruising are just about as far apart icipalities very generously offer the province the opportunity of financing their road building pro- can't be depression—that is supposed to gramme." The generosity of the Halton municipalities is no doubt inspired by the recollections of the generosity of Halton in helping finance and maintain highways for the benefit of the province in general and Toronto and Hamilton in particular. With the southerly section of Halton having now two highways, with expensive bridges, and a third highway planned by the Department for inter-city traffic and stopped temporarily only after vigorous protest, it would seem that Halton municipalities were not asking too much when the generous offer was made that the Department finance their own road bdilding programme. With all the gasoline tax and the license taxes on trucks and automobiles being collected by the Province, there are other counties than Halton that wonder why the Province cannot finance their own road building programme without direct levies for portions on the municipalities through which they are built. Then, too, the fines collected, we presume, go to the Province, except where a charge is made by the municipal official. In making the offer no doubt Halton feels its generosity was not to be outdone by the generosity of the Provincial Department of the past.

#### The Deal Fell Through

A few weeks ago we received a brief letter among the mail, asking what we would take for THE FREE to imagine a world without the lovely Press and if we would sell the business. After due bright flowers to which we have become deliberation we answered the letter setting a price on the business and with the dispatch of that missive year it has been a delight to watch the for a few days we felt like a regular Judas Iscariot. In due course the prospective buyer visited Acton and THE FREE PRESS but the deal was not consummated. Perhaps we were to blame. We found that THE FREE PRESS assets could not all be reckoned in terms of dollars and cents. The present editor came cosy nest. Mother Swallow, aided and to THE FREE PRESS out of Acton school to learn the abetted by Father Swallow, would peck printing trade. That was twenty-four years ago. All but four or five of the intervening years have been could be induced to follow his brother spent in association with THE ACTON FREE PRESS. The and sister into the big unknown world, present incumbent of the editor's chair was carried where lurked sinister cats, barking dogs into Acton when six months old. His parents are Mother and Pather Pigeon having just resting in Fairview Cemetery. His predecessor was as hard a time with their family on the born in Acton and rests in Acton cemetery. During our residence in Acton, we have made many friends. Too often in recent times the statement has been We have kind of grown up with Acton. Removal to ney in the room where I am writing. looks upon relief as legally due him, who openly was the deciding factor. This may be termed by declares that the municipality must take care of him some just sentimental bosh and perhaps it is. But,

### EDITORIAL NOTES

Wheat at a dollar a bushel adds new interest to the crop that is now being harvested.

Nine lives were lost in week-end accidents the past, week. The bathing places require also care as well as the highways leading to these spots.

to a number of municipalities ... Everyone seems agreed that Attorney-General of Mother Graves Worm Externimeter, bey will shar of severy refice Price's statement that drunken drivers of automo. because they more from experience hor west die die grindigte bilor-must go to jail. With such a unanimonie and the working

# Chronicles of Ginger Farm

The Free Props by GWENDOLINE P. CLAREE

Last week I think I finished up saying that this week I should probably have a different story to tell, and sure mough, I have. Instead of lying in and wishing I were on my feet, I can every possibility this week of standing on my feet and probably wishing I were lying in bed. The threshers are coming and visitors and as luck would have it they are both expected to arrive on the same day—the threshers in the morning to stay for one day, the visitors in the afternoon to stay for ten days. from which I don't see any way of excusheart-breaking? Fancy standing in a hot kitchen and cooking for threshers when one might be lounging at ease on the deck of a lake steamer! It really doesn't has not proven as satisfactory as tankage bear thinking about, but I guess farming or fish-meal or quantities of both. of-well now, what am I to call it?-it be over, and prosperity is not yet, so perhaps we might call it-"these days of

But still it has always been my policy to be thankful for small mercies, and one day this week I had a wonderful day in the city. I motored in with some friends along the Lake Shore Road, which was a treat in itself. We started quite early, so we were in time to get our shopping done before the stores got hot. At least my friends shopped my shopping was mostly looking around but I did fall once or twice. Perhaps my worst tumble from economy was in the book department, where I found a copy of E. Barrington's "Divine Lady" simply asking to be picked up, for forty-five cents. It seemed little short of an insult to pass it by, so, of course, it just had to be bought. After all, a book like that is worth far more

than the money it costs. Then I fell again when I saw some Japanese tablescloths, I suppose they were really meant for summer cottages, but it didn't matter to me what they were meant for, it was their cheerfulness that attracted me. They had all the lovely bright colors that remind one of fruit salads, with bright red cherrie flaming orange, bananas, blue-berries and lettuce leaves. What a drab old work this would be if it were not for these occasional flashes of brightness. In the stores colorful things make shopping a pleasure and in nature—well, it is hard that are becoming all too scarce. This barn swallows from day to day especially after the little birds were hatched. There were three of them and at the proper

time Mother Swallow was able to persuade two of the bables to try their wings, but it seemed nothing would induce the third little fledgling to leave his and scold the poor little timid swallow but it was enother three days before he top of a stone wall in the corner of the barnyard and now, as I write, there is a tremendous noise going on in the chimeagerly the delectable morsels brought to

them by their loving and dutiful parents. I love to hear them, but the sound at present is drowned out by strains of music from the dining room selections from the Gilbert and Bullivan operaof the gramaphone. If there is anything of which one is particularly fond one jazz butting in most incongruously on

classical selections. We have a very nice little gramaphone might cost about ten dollars to do it. However, I took it into Toronto this week, and instead of ten dollars it cost ten cents! So, on the strength of that, I bought some new records records that are really beautiful. It is lovely to be in one end of the house and hear, in the distance, Alma Gluck singing "Ava Maria," or Madam Clara Butt singing beautiful old hymn tunes of which one

can never tire. I think there must be something dead within the soul that does not respond to music or if not dead, perhaps it may he that something has not as yet come to

Many mothers can testify to the virtue

DEY DOCKS IN CANADA CAN TAKE LARGE LINERS

Canada has three dry docks that could secommodate the new Cunsider when she is ready, notwithstanding her length of 1018 feet, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Reilways. On the Atlantic side, there is a dry dock at Saint John, N. B. and another at Lauren; P. Q., both of which are 1,150 feet long. The former is 133 feet wide and the latter 144 feet at the ing. On the Pacific Coast, the dry dock at Esquimalt, B. C. is 1,150 feet long and 149 feet wide at the coping. All

PROTEIN FOR PIGS

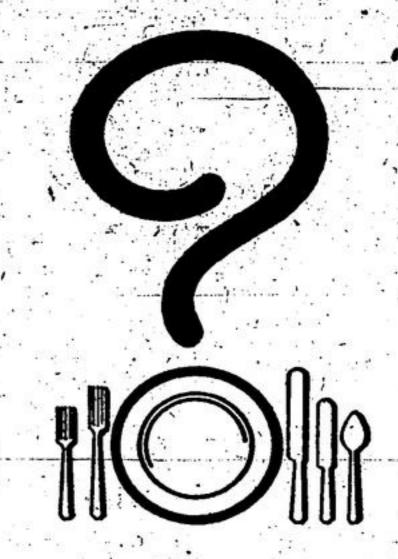
available. Tankage and fish-meal are high quality protein supplements, the one a by-product of the packing industry and the other a by-product of the fishing industry. Protein supplements of vegetable origin, when the price permits, may be used to replace some of the tankage or fish-meal but their use alone

may also reduce the cost of production

The various packers throughout Canada realizing the importance of tankage as a hog feed have agreed to make it available at the appropriate cost of production. Pish-meal can also be made available for hog feeding through Farmers' Chibs or other local organizations. Where farmers are in a position to

obtain a mixed protein supplement or the ingredients for such, experiments indicate that the use of such a mixture in preference to single protein feeds is advantageous. The following mixture has been used successfully at Macdonald College since 1928 as a complete replacement of milk or other protein feed in the ations of all classes of swine: Tankage, 400 lbs., fish-meal, 200 lbs., linseed meal, 200 lbs., feeding bone meal, 100 lbs., ground lime stone, 76 lbs., fine salt, 20 lbs. and Ferric Oxide, 4 lbs. The above mixture may be used satis-

factorily with any of the numerous rations in Pamphlet 135, "Rations for Economical Pork Production," issued h



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