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#### Canada's Exports and Imports

In the fiscal year ended March 31, 1933, Canada sold more goods to Europe than to any other continent, the sales amounting to \$257,100,000, compared with \$169,000,000 to the continent of North America, while purchases from the North American continent amounted to \$246,400,000, contrasted with purchases from Europe valued at \$121,300,000. During the fiscal year under review Europe and North America combined took 89.9 per cent. of Canada's total domestic exports, compared with 89.1 per cent. in 1928. The proportion of the products shipped to Europe in the fiscal year 1932-33 was 54.2 per cent., compared with 43.6 per cent. in the previous year and 46.9 per cent. in 1928-29, while the proportion sent to North America in the last fiscal year was 35.7 per cent. as against 46.3 per cent. in the year before. From 1928 to 1933 the proportion of the domestic exports of Canada to the British Isles increased from 33.4 to 38.9 per cent., and to other European countries from 13.5 to 15.3 per cent.; while the proportion exported to the United States decreased from 38.9 to 30.2 per cent.

#### Why Not Cheaper Power for the Municipalities?

With the announcement that the sale of power to Toronto Terminals at less than \$5.00 per horsepower is considered good business and found money by the Hydro Commission, the municipalities are beginning to wonder what is thought of the sale to them of the same commodity at from \$25 to \$40 per horsepower. It is quite evident that the pioneer municipalities in the Hydro scheme have paved the way for some very fine power rates for the big companies of to-day. While all delight in handing down improvements and advanced facilities, still, when these municipalities have made the start in the venture, should they not be allowed a share of this cut rate power? Any householder would be delighted to have heating of the home changed from the use of American anthracite to good clean electricity of the Province of Ontario, provided, of course, that the Hydro will pay the installation charge. One wonders what would happen if the municipalities supposed to control the system would request such a concession. The question becomes more involved and entangled as it develops.

#### Hats Off to the Regular Country Correspondent

One individual who performs a distinct service to his community is the rural correspondent of the local newspaper. By means of his weekly budget of news he helps to keep his small community on the map by maintaining its place prominently among the various centres of the district. His column is eagerly read by the people of the neighborhood and the record of happenings which appear in print as a result of his efforts, help to make life more interesting for all concerned. To outsiders many of his items may sound trivial, but they are really important to those concerned. For the most trivial of items one has to refer to the pages of the daily press where whole columns are sometimes devoted to long lists of the guests who were present at some social function. In comparison with such insignificant happenings, a rural back fence being painted is a matter of import. The work of the correspondent is disinterested, his labors being usually gratuitous,

yet he profits indirectly by the experience which he receives in serving as a correspondent. The work calls forth his ability to write and if he has native talent in that line, he may develop an efficiency that will encourage him to go further. Many newspaper publishers of our acquaintance first became interested in newspaper work through serving as rural correspondents. We have in mind no less than four Ontario publishers who started as correspondents of one country newspaper up in Bruce County. We have referred to the correspondent as "he." In the majority of cases the correspondent is really "she." But whether "he" or "she," they are doing worthwhile work, maintaining an intimacy of reader interest in the rural press which has no counterpart in the big metropolitan journal. Hats off to the country correspondent!—St. Mary's Journal.

#### Revenue First?

Final confirmation has come from Ontario's Premier that an issue in the next election will be the loosening of the provisions of the Liquor Control Act. It was hinted previously to Premier Henry's confirmation that such would be an issue in the election. In the same interview the Premier stated that there would be a "small" deficit of \$3,000,000 incurred by the Government during the fiscal year, which closes the end of next month. With almost every other source of revenue taxed to the limit and an increasing deficit each year, one wonders if the new regulations for greater consumption of beer and wine are not a move for increased revenue from this source. Like all others who engage in the liquor business, it often seems that profits are the big item and a forgetfulness of the destruction and waste that the consumption of intoxicating liquor always brings about. It is small wonder, therefore, if the Government, in its need for funds to help out a "small" deficit should forget its original plea when the Liquor Control Act was brought into being; when the electorate was told that liquor controlled by the Government would oust the bootlegger and make for better observance of law and order. If we remember correctly we were told by the Chairman of the Board at that time of the disappointment he would feel if the consumption of liquor was not gradually lessened until Ontario was a sober and industrious province. We wonder if now the plan is not to decrease some of that "small" deficit by greater sales. We wonder if during the campaign the electorate will again be told that the loosening of the law is in the true interests and promotion of temperance in intoxicating beverages. When, during the spring, Premier Henry was seemingly quite adamant in his stand in not changing the Act and the Liberal party refused to include a wet plank in its platform and likewise the C. C. F., it was hoped the liquor question was out of politics. Just why it has been revived again and brought back in the political arena is hard to understand. And we are not alone in wondering if its interjection at this time is not the result of the visit of overseas adviser High Commissioner Ferguson, who is home on a "holiday." Is the wet plank the hope to save the party and get revenue at the expense of the young people of Ontario?

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

The corn roast gives place to the silo filling. Both require the same product but are very different kinds of events.

The trout-fishing season is closed and now nothing remains but the fishing stories, that may be rehearsed and enlarged until May first next.

The Halton County jail is reported to be crowded. Let's see, wasn't the Liquor Control Act supposed to lessen crime and be a move toward greater respect for law and order.

September 15 stands for a number of things beside the tax due date, and among them it is of importance to even the dogs—for after that date they have their liberty in Acton until next May.

Thanksgiving Day in Canada this year will be October 9, and will be observed as a holiday throughout the Dominion. An official proclamation by the Canadian Government is to be issued accordingly.

The first of the Fall Fairs last week were not favored with the best of weather. If the rains, which are needed, could only be arranged to come on the days which are open dates, everyone would be happy.

Eleven factories in Canada manufactured 68,435,400 pounds of wire nails and spikes in 1932, of which 2,083,600 pounds, valued at \$87,672 were exported. In 1932 Canada imported 501,158 pounds of nails, valued at \$19,704.

More than 30,000 head of live Canadian cattle have been shipped from Saint John, New Brunswick, and Montreal to the British Isles from January 1 to August 15, 1933, or more than double the total for the corresponding period in 1932.

The commercial apple production in Canada for 1933 is estimated at 4,438,000 barrels, an increase of 12 per cent. over the crop of 1932, which amounted to 3,977,000 barrels. Apples are grown commercially in Canada in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

## Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

And now the Fall Fairs have started, perhaps the dry spell will be definitely ended. But what a shame to even think of it, isn't it, when the success of a Fair depends so much upon the good humor of the weatherman! But still you know it does so often happen that Fall Fairs usher in wet weather and, much as we wish the fair success, yet when rain is so urgently needed we shall not be heartbroken when it comes. It is trying to rain even now, but, so far, all it has managed to do is something in the way of a Scotch mist—and every farmer praying for enough moisture to help him sow his wheat!

There are just about two topics of conversation in the country these days—among the men it is—"What are you going to do about sowing wheat?" And with the women—"Are you through with your pickling yet?" Two momentous questions—compared with which everything else pales into insignificance. No body knows whether the wheat will grow—but one thing is proven without a shadow of doubt—there won't be a family without pickles this year—not if the aroma in the air can be accepted as proof thereof. I don't know that the same can be said about canning and preserving fruit because nearly everyone seems to be saying,—"Well, I'm not going to bother much with fruit—sugar is too dear—we'll just get along the best way we can!" And that is what I say, too. If one has to buy sugar plus fruit, then preserves become a luxury. A certain amount one must have if only for the emergency shelf, but as a rule I rather fancy most people's cellars are overstocked. Possibly this winter will help us to realize the economy of dried fruit, which seems to take less sugar and of course can be bought as we need it. Speaking of dried fruit—I wish I knew where it is possible to get dried loganberries. When we lived in Saskatchewan we used to buy them in one pound packages, and they were just as nice as any canned fresh fruit I ever tasted, and certainly very economical, but as yet we have never been able to get them since we came to Ontario.

Of course to help out the fruit question there is always that good old stand-by—honey—and, like everything else on the farm, it is far too cheap this year. Lemon butter is another good substitute, if one wants something in place of jam or marmalade. I wonder if anyone would like my recipe—it is splendid for school lunches.

1 1/2 lbs. sugar  
1/2 lb. melted butter  
4 lemons, grated rind and juice  
3 soda biscuits, crushed  
9 eggs, well beaten  
Cook in double boiler until thick, possibly about an hour.

I have always found a small jar of lemon butter a splendid thing to take to anyone recovering from an illness—the acidity of the lemon flavoring seems to be just the thing to tempt jaded appetites.

Another substitute for fruit is the old-fashioned syrup—so ordinary that it is generally forgotten—one cup of water to two cups of brown sugar, boiled to a fairly thick syrup and flavored with vanilla or maple. When I think of the fruit we use in Canada so much as a matter of course I begin to wonder what in the world we used to live on in England, where fruit was never put away to the extent that it is in Canada. Quite a bit of jam and jelly was made but never much bottled fruit. Just for the fun of it let me see if I can remember the average menu for an average middle-class English family.

Breakfast—7.00-9.00 a. m.  
Porridge; the inevitable bacon and eggs; toast; marmalade; Jam; tea or coffee.

Dinner—12.30 1.00 p. m.  
If hot-roast beef, lamb or mutton. Vegetables; Yorkshire batter or plain boiled suet pudding—sometimes served with gravy before meat was served. Desert—apple, gooseberry, rhubarb or plum tart with cream or boiled custard. (N. B.—"Tart"—known in Canada as deep apple pie or deep fruit pie, as the case may be.) If dinner be cold the menu would probably be: sliced meat, vegetables, some kind of boiled pudding, served with sauce, or might be baked rice pudding—generally stogy.

Tea—5.00-6.00 p. m.  
Meat, fish, fritters, or eggs. Cut bread and butter, jam or honey, cakes, scones or pastries. Tea.

Supper—8.30-10 or 11.00 p. m.  
Menu depends upon the family's attitude to the temperance question. It might be anything from bread and cheese and beer to "left-overs" from other meals and hot cocoa or milk.

In families where late dinner is the custom, a cold lunch is generally the rule at noon, followed by afternoon tea at 4.00 p. m., when thinly sliced bread and butter is sometimes all that is served, at other times there may be small fancy cakes or biscuits or perhaps cut cake, but generally speaking there is no attempt at a "spread."

the kitchen waits impatiently for the summons to clear the table! Of course it is fourteen years since I left England, and times may have changed but—the English are a conservative people, and traditions are handed down from one generation to another—so I have my doubts!

#### FAMOUS HORTICULTURIST PASSES

The recent passing of Dr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist for the Canadian Government Experimental Farms, removes an internationally-known horticulturist, whose contributions in the realm of his profession were significant and extensive.

Four years ago Dr. Macoun was awarded the Wilder Silver Medal by the American Pomological Society for developing new varieties of apples, particularly the Melba, declared by experts to be the best early summer apple in North America. The Melba is a close relation to the famous McIntosh Red, a late fall variety, which has on several occasions been awarded the highest honors at the Imperial Fruit Show in England as the best dessert apple.

The Wilder Silver Medal is the highest award that can be given by the American Pomological Society to an individual. It originated from a bequest of the late Marshall P. Wilder, a former president of the society, the oldest of its kind in North America. On several previous occasions the society awarded the Canadian Government Experimental Farm medals for originating new varieties of apples.

It was due to Dr. Macoun's work in developing the Agnes Rose, a new outdoor variety, now recognized as among the best of its kind in Canada and the United States, that the Canadian Government Central Experimental Farm was awarded the society's gold medal.

The late Dr. Macoun was actively engaged in scientific and practical horticulture for 45 years and the results of his work can be seen throughout the whole of Canada. He was a member of the leading horticultural societies in Canada, the United States and the British Isles.

#### PAST AND FUTURE

"I'm happy and all that, of course, old chap; still I wish my wife wouldn't talk so much about her last husband."  
"Forget it! Mine's always talking about her next."

## Big Fish—Happy Fisherman



Hook a 35 pound musky for yourself like this one and then sympathize with J. A. Gibson of Toronto who fought for four and a half hours near French River Bungalow Camp 215 miles north of Toronto, to land it. It is the seventh musky to be caught near the camp by guests this season and was caught on Friday, July 21st, so fisherman's luck seems to be a complication of opinion. The scene took place late in the afternoon right in front of the outlying camp dock in full view of guests who lined the shore and started fires in order to see the finish, forgetting dinner and later celebrating the latest entry in the bungalow camp annual musky competition fittingly. Since every musky to date has practically been larger than the last, the winner of the challenge shield this year may become famous... if he can land it.

# GROCERY

## Specials

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