those times, and every housewife, and

others who expected to be, did rags for

striped rag carpets. Why, when my Mary

Well, we took up the carpet rags and

the warp, and in about tifree weeks Mr.

Snyder sent word that the carpet was

ready. Mary and I drove up next night

to get it, and when old Mr. Snyder

showed it to us I tell you we were proud

of it. I think the old man was proud

of it, too. 'He said he never turned out

In the course of time the various

churches organized their young people's

ocieties, and these largely took the

a nicer carpet for anybody.

DID IT EVER OCCUR TO YOU?

The prices in a lot of ways, Have given us this notion: There are more sharks on land these Than in the briny ocean.

And seeing people meekly pay Those prices as they do, If you'll permit it here, I'll say There are more suckers, too:

Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, January 23rd, 1919

The King's Orderlies elected their officers for the year, as follows: President, Neil McDonald; Vice-President, Jack Kennedy; Secretary, Nintan Lindsay; Assistant Secretary, George Soper; Treasurer, Neil McNabb; Teacher, Rev. I. M. Moyer.

The sad news of the death of the wife of Joseph Gibbons, Vancouver, son of Mrs. William Gibbons, Acton, reached friends here this week. Interment took place in Toronto.

Rev. R. E. Jones, of Church, resgiped the pastorate at the Sunday evening service. Mr. Jones has been pastor since April, 1916, and his resignation is regretted:

The Seventy-third Anniversary services of the Methodist Church last Sunday were epoch making. Albe sermons were preached by Rev. Geo. W. Barker, a

At the annual meeting of Acton Fall Pair, S. H. Lindsay was elected President: W. J. L. Hampshire, 1st Vice-President; R. M. McDonald, 2nd Vice-President; George Hynds, Secretary-Treasurer; A. T. Brown and W. J. Reld. Auditors. The Auditors' report showed an expenditure of \$1,409.42.

A rousing reception was accorded three eturned soldiers and civic testimonials were presented to Gunner Arthur Plant, Pte. Leonard Atkinson and Pte. Heber

TALBOT-At the home of her daughter. Mrs. Joseph Gowdy, Guelph, on Thursday, January 16th, 1919, Jane Oliver, widow of the late James Talbot, Eramosa, in her 96th year.

WILD LIFE CONFERENCE

Many problems pertaining to wild life and its conservation will be discussed at a three-day conference of Provincial and Dominion wild life officials, held in Ottawa this week. This meeting was called by Hon, T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, who welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Dominion Government. An open session was held at the National Museum of Canada on the evening of January 17th, which the general public attended, and anyone who wished to present information for the consideration of the conference was given an opportunity to do so.

While the conservation of the fur bearers of Canada is a matter coming under the jurisdiction of the respective That Dill earned weeding strawberries Provincial and Territorial Governments. the Dominion as a whole is concerned in the conservation of fur and of all wild life resources. In order to co-ordinate the wild-life conservation efforts of the various departments of the Dominion Government, the Advisory Board on Wild Life Protection was organized in 1916. This Board is specially authorized to advise with respect to the administration And twas carpet rags and mem'ries that ings. Little of the old building was left. of the Migratory Birds Convention Act end the Northwest Game Act, but has also dealt with many other problems of wild-life conservation. Through conferferences of Provincial and Dominion officials, which are now arranged by the Federal Department of Mines and Re-'sources, uniform and concerted action has been-taken and the conservation of Canada's wild-life resources has been ad-

FUTURE OF YOUTH

What is the effect of idleness on boys and young men when they can't get a job? One Boys"Club official refers to a tendency on the part of many boys to become lazy, to lack initiative, and to accept the situation, hoping for a change rather than looking for a job. A promment charity organization official remarks that there has been a breakdown in the character and backbone of youth. Such conditions are about what might be expected when boys and young men try to get work and find there is none to be had. Many families avoid such difficulties for their boys by keeping them in schools and colleges, where their time is well occupied, and they are get-

ting a better preparation for life. What shall a family do when its boys finish school, if there is no job and not money enough to send them to college or technical school? Young Men's Christian Associations, Boys' Club, and service organizations, have done wonders for such boys, but the country must think hard over its idle young men and ask what can be done to make a place for them. Youth comes to the world eager and ambilious, but if the world says it has no work for them, you can't wonder? if voith sometimes does undesirable

The boys should never get discouraged and quit looking for jobs. Many of them -are finding work, just by degred persistence and sticking to it. The business world is still looking! for bright and energetic young men. Boys should take any kind of work that is offered, if they are able to do it, even if it isn't the kind of thing they want and have been pre-

or. "I don't know how many I've had-"



THE RAG CARPET

All-of us cut and picked the rags: pa; he-pricked his thumb,

they'd sew, too. And we recled some off and colored 'em; and made great balls of some: And we took em to the weaver, and he wove 'em in his loom. the sitting room.

And count the stripes and talk about 'em; 'cause we know 'em all The pink one is Jen's old pink dress and

my pink pinafore. And the brown one with little specks, And the green one's ma's old silk cape I went and stole, long time ago. And run away, clear up to Dascomb's mill, and scared 'em so.

And there's a dress of Marcus' when was two years old And tumbled in the cistern; and first jacket he had:

nonplussed.

Finally, Trustee John Cameron said:

"If no one else will buy the hall. I think

Presbyterian Church and made three

good houses out of it: and I think this

building will make two." And Mr.

-Cameron bought it. The price paid was

about \$500, and a good honest price at

emerged. But no one who had not wit-

nessed the transformation would

the new nouses, were in demand

I am not quite positive, but I think the

first tenants were two former members

of the Sons of Temperance James Mc-

Lam on the east side, and Hiram H

Worden on the west. Both of these

esteemed citizens have since passed away.

Mr. McLam was a strong Mason, and

come. The old Temperance Hall, which

so many years wielded an influence

good in this community, and was

place of convenience for public and

official gatherings, is now the happy

home of private families, who appreci-

ite its comforts and regard it as home.

in the Ladies' Aid.

And such is life.

And the figured gown ma made for Joe! when he caught such a cold And most had the lung fever. the blue and the vellow plaid for grandpa, Saturdays;
And the old blue stripe we all wore.

made over different ways. And ma, she says it's prettier'n the car-

And pa, he says he's paid first rate for pricking his thumb sore.

all spread out. got wove up in the loom And cut in strips and sewed, and put down in the sitting room. -Emma A. Opper, porches were added, and when completed

That old Temperance Hall had memories of the doings within its nteresting and initiative. The gatherings were real social. these, while the young folks would playing carpet balls, the old folks, par ticularly the ladies, would rehearse their experiences at the carpet rag bees which Mr. Worden just as strong an Oddfellow. were in vogue in those daysv. Rag car pets were popular. Acton had two three splendid carpet weavers sixty years ago. Old man Snyder-Jacob-who lived on The Hill, was counted one of the best to be found anywhere. He was father of Isaac, and Ell, and Henry, and William, and Adam, and Robert, and about, let me see, I guess there were most half a dozen daughters.

Well, old Mr. Snyder wove some migh nice carpets in those days. There were stripes and hit and miss designs. Ever house in the land sewed carpet rags

WINTER KILLING OF HAY AND

It frequently happens in Eastern Canand I were getting ready to get spliced. Mary said to me one night: Now I've ada that hay and pasture crops are got the carpet rags ready for the sitting injured by climatic conditions which room in our new home, and I'd like you prevail during the winter and spring It to drive me up to old Mr. Snyder's to see may be intermittent freezing and thawabout getting them woven." "Why, ing, and heaving of the soil, which breaks Mary." I said, that's fine; a striped rag the plant 100ts. Lack of snow cavering carpet to commence with. That will be may result in insufficient protection from great. Why, I don't think many of the low temperatures, or ice may form a young folks getting married this fall will covering, which smothers the plants. have new striped rag carpet to commence | Whatever the cause, the farmer is faced with the problem of reseeding his meadows in order to provide pasture for summer feed and hay for winter lorage. What is the most suitable procedure?

It has been found by the Field Husbandry Division, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, that if some plants have survived and the killing has only thinned the stand, it may be quite satisfactory to scatter seed of the proper mixture over the area and cover it with a smoothing harrow. Such a practice does not injure the surviving plants and the new steamg will later grow and thicken the place of the Old Temperance Lodge. With stand.

the church societies demanding the in-In most cases of severe killing, howterest and attention of the active young ever, all of the plants in low spots or people of the churches, the attendance depressions may be injured, or perhaps at the lodge gradually dwindled, and an entire field may be affected. Where ventually it was found impossible to this occurs, it is more satisfactory to keep up the meetings. This did not in- disc or cultivate the area thoroughly and icate any lack of interest in the tem- reseed with a seed-drill. In order to perance cause. The church societies had provide hay for the current year it is temperance for one of their leading necessary to use a species which will topics. The inculcation of the principles produce a crop the year in which it is of the old temperance society were just seeded. A very suitable crop for this as strongly emphasized by the church purpose is oats seded at 21/2 or 3 bushels societies, and naturally there was less per acre. A very good quality of hay and less incentive for continuing the may be obtained if the oats are cut when in the milk stage and harvested like This was much regretted by some, be- any other hay crop. If hay is desired on cause of the associations and influences the area the following year, a mixture of the days when the old Division of the composed of 8 pounds of red clover, 2 Sons of Temperance flourished, but the pounds of alsike and 8 pounds of timethy leaders saw that its work was done. A per acre may be seeded with the oat responsibility was left on the hands of crop. Where alfalfa grows well, 4 to 6 the trustees. The hall and its furnish- pounds may be added and the mixture ings were free of all debt, but it would seeded at the rate of 18 to 20 pounds

have been a foolish thing to leave the per acre. premises to go to rack and ruin. As the Where areas intended for pasture are Sons of Temperance was an incorporated winter-killed a similar procedure may be society, the property, when no longer followed. A suitable mixture to provide used for meetings of that society, natur- pasture the year it is seeded is composed ally reverted to the Grand Division. The of oats 2 bushels and Sudan grass 25 trustees referred the matter to the Grand pounds per acre. The oats will provide And now we've got a new rag carpet in Officers, and were instructed to sell the early pature and Sudan grass, although poperty and remit the proceeds to the somewhat slower in starting, grows well Grand Treasurer. The property was during the dry, hot weather of midtherefore advertised for sale. There was summer, and provides pasture later in no demand for the hall as such, for by the season. Grass and clover may be this time Acton had the Town Hall, and seeded with the mixture for next year's Matthews' hall, and Hill's hall, and the hay or pasture, as grazing if not done Masons and Oddfellows had halls of too severely does not injure the new their own. Property in Acton was not seeding.

so much in demand then. The trustees - It is advisable to reseed these winterreceived no offers and twere somewhat killed areas as early as possible in the

I'll take it myself. I bought the old BIRDS FINDING WAY

entral Northwest

BACK TO SANCTUARY By Hal J. Miller

Jack Miner revealed that he has found evidence that birds have become educated to the fact that sanctuaries provide a Mr. Cameron went to work to convert safe haven and they have developed a the building into dwellings, and a few system of going from one sanctuary to

months later two very comfortable homes As a result of his long years of cam have dreamed that the old Temperance throughout the North American contin-Hall was the basis for these two dwellseveral miles in length and width, was A new roof was put on, the exterior wails set aside and it is to-day regarded as were roughcasted, bay, windows and one of the important preserves in the

> Mr. Miner discovered, to his surprise and delight, that ducks from Kingsville were going gto Horicon Marsh, which is possibly a thousand miles away. reenhead mallard, tagged by Jack Miner at Kingsville, was shot on the border of Horicon Marsh this fall. The naturalist regards this as undisputable evidence that birds know-definitely where they an find safety and protection.

Both were members of the Methodist Church, and their wives active workers The discovery bears out Jack Miner's theory that birds have learned to go from one protected area to another, which Now the residences are owned by Mr. makes it better for bird and hunters Dan Lawson, of Mimosa, and the tenants alike, providing feathered creatures with are Mrs. Papillon and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. a safety area and improving conditions outside these areas for hunters. And so the world moves and changes

DIFFERENT "TOUCHES"

An English lord was talking to American boy about his ancestors.

"My grandfather was a very great man," he said. "One day Queen Victoria touched his shoulder with a sword and made him a knight."

"Aw, that's nuthin'," the American boy replied. "One day Red Wing, an Indian, touched my grandfather on the head with a tomahawk and made him

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