

GET THE SUNSHINE HABIT

Sing a song of sunny ways. Get the sunshine habit! Brighten up the darkest days. Get the sunshine habit!

Twenty Years Ago

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The Historical Pageant, given by Victoria Mission Band on Good Friday evening was an excellent production and was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Daylight Saving Time question was up for discussion at Council meeting and it was decided to adopt it officially for the town.

Pte. Arthur Watson reached home for a few days' leave from the hospital in Toronto. A large number of citizens met the train and gave him a cordial welcome home.

News received from Pte. James Louitt included the interesting information that he is married. He does not expect to reach home before July.

The Presbyterian congregation of Limehouse introduced the church hymnal last Sunday. In thus adopting this splendid book they are in the van of many more pretentious congregations.

With butter hovering between the 60c and 70c mark, it is well the green corn season is not on.

DIED BUCK—On Friday, April 18th, 1919, at Toronto, Dr. Anson Buck, of Palermo, in his 85th year.

WAGES IN JAPAN

Modern trade relations make the world a small place. Conditions of labor and wages in one country are bound to affect employment conditions in countries with which it does business.

Japan is a striking example. Japan exports immense quantities of textiles and other goods with which she competes with the industries of western countries. The 1934 Year Book of Japan shows that the average hourly rate of wages for all factory workers ranged from 2 to 3 1/2 cents for a ten-hour day, which is common there. This makes it from 20 to 35 cents a day. The daily wages for a brickmaker is 32 cents; for shoemakers, pack makers and flour-millers, between 46 and 49 cents; for cement workers, tailors, carpenters and painters, between 53 and 59 cents; for lathe-men, founders, blacksmiths, compositors and bricklayers, between 60 and 63 cents. In textiles, a male hosiery knitter is paid 41 cents a day, and a female worker, 20 cents a day. Clerical workers received from \$8 to \$11 a month. The contrast with wages paid on this continent is striking.

One of the reasons given for these low wages in Japan is that their cost of living is low. But this is not so in relation to the wage rates. The daily cost of food and fuel for a family of five in Japan is thirty cents. Since the daily wages are from 20 to 63 cents, the cost of living is relatively high, because the workman must spend his entire earnings on food and has nothing or little left for other necessities. Home economists state that food and fuel should take about 32 per cent of the family's income. In Japan, food takes all or nearly all the earnings.

ACCIDENTS AND COMPENSATION

During the month of March, there were 4,540 accidents reported to The Workmen's Compensation Board, as compared with 4,333 during February, and 5,075 during March a year ago.

The benefits awarded amounted to \$523,873.64 of which \$426,182.84 was for compensation and \$97,690.80 for medical aid.

This brings the number of accidents reported during the first quarter of 1939 to 13,382, as against 13,408 for the same period of 1938, and the benefits awarded during the first three months this year amounted to \$1,491,025.38, as compared with \$1,622,720.11 during the corresponding period of 1938.

A USEFUL FELLOW

Justice—Have you ever done anything useful in your life? Prisoner—Yes, your Worship. I've helped to keep three detectives, two warden and the prison governor and your Worship in employment for the last ten years.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG OAKEN BUCKET



get the taxes up to too high a rate. Every moral movement in two generations had the hearty support of this worthy citizen. Two things John Cameron never would permit in his presence; a word reflecting upon the Scotch, or any question that the Liberal party was not head and shoulders above the Tory or any other combination of politicians.

AN ANCIENT PRAYER

Give us, Lord, a bit of sun. A bit of work and a bit of fun. Our daily bread and a bit of butter; Give us health, our keep to make. Give us all in th' struggle and splutter. An' give us our share o' sorrow's lesson; Give us sense, for we're some, of us duffers. An' a heart to feel for all that suffers.

Yes, it must be well nigh on to sixty-five years, if it isn't more, since John and Hugh Cameron, two of our leading carpenters of those days, bought the two vacant lots at the corner of Church and John Streets, and built homes thereon for themselves. Hugh took the corner lot and John the one next to it on the street which bore his name. John Street, you of course know, was named to perpetuate the name of John Quincy Adams, one of the sons of Rufus Adams, of the original family that settled here.

TO KILL MOTHS IN FURS

Research work has shown that moth larvae in furs are most effectively killed by repeated exposures to sudden changes in temperatures, known as the "shock" method. Approved procedure calls for refrigeration of furs after cleaning, first to a temperature of 15 to 18 degrees Fahrenheit. After two or three days at these temperatures, furs are exposed to 45 to 50 degrees F. temperatures. It was found that the duplication of this process two or three times kills all moths, eggs and larvae. The highest relative humidity for the storage of furs has been found to be from 55 to 65 per cent. Although well developed moth larvae may withstand a temperature of 18 degrees F. for a long period of time, with the possibility of changing from a dormant to an active state when temperatures return to normal, the repeated exposures to extremes within the 15 to 50 degrees F. temperature range are fatal for all moth larvae endangering furs.



THE NEW AREA IN AGRICULTURE

Revolutionary Changes Are Wrought by Farm Machinery

The vast changes that have been effected in farming through the use of labor-saving implements and the part that modern farm machinery is playing, in reducing the farmer's costs of production, were the highlights in an address on "The New Era in Agriculture," given before the Rotary Club of Toronto, recently, by John Martin, of the Massey-Harris Company.

Mr. Martin, by striking contrasts of production figures, brought home to his audience the importance of agriculture in Canada, showing that the value of the fodder crops of Canada for 1937 amounted to \$138,000,000—whereas that for the total gold production of Canada, for the same year, was \$143,000,000, or "practically the same amount for fodder—just feed for horses and cattle, as for the gold production of Canada."

Exports Important to National Economy "Men like the Harris's, Massey's, Wisner's, Patterson's, Verity's, Cockshutt's, Frost and Wood, had put Canada right in the forefront of implement making in the world," he said and told how the small plant started in Newcastle, by Daniel Massey in 1847 had grown and of the amalgamation with the Harris Company in 1891. "How the business spread to 52 countries of the world and spoke of it as being as firmly established in the business of a score of other countries as in its own native land.

Removes Stoops From Farming "One of the oldest of callings," the speaker reminded his audience, "farming had seen few changes down through the ages until the coming of mechanical aids. Now changes take place with such rapidity that we do not stop to consider the transformation that has taken place."

Even with Canadian farming on a higher standing than has ever been here or in any other part of the world, it still had great problems confronting it, such as the difficulties of Western Canada with soil-lifting, rust and grasshoppers; the low price that prevailed for some of its products, the disparity of farm product prices with the prices of manufactured products generally, and the problem of dwindling export markets for wheat and its consequent low price.

"But here again, the speaker said, "the agricultural engineer comes to the aid of the farmer and cited the development of the One-Way-Dig Seeds which combining the various operations of tillage and seeding all in one avoided too much over cultivation of the soil and left it in a matted condition which successfully resisted soil-blowing and at the same time cut the cost of tillage and seeding by at least 40%."

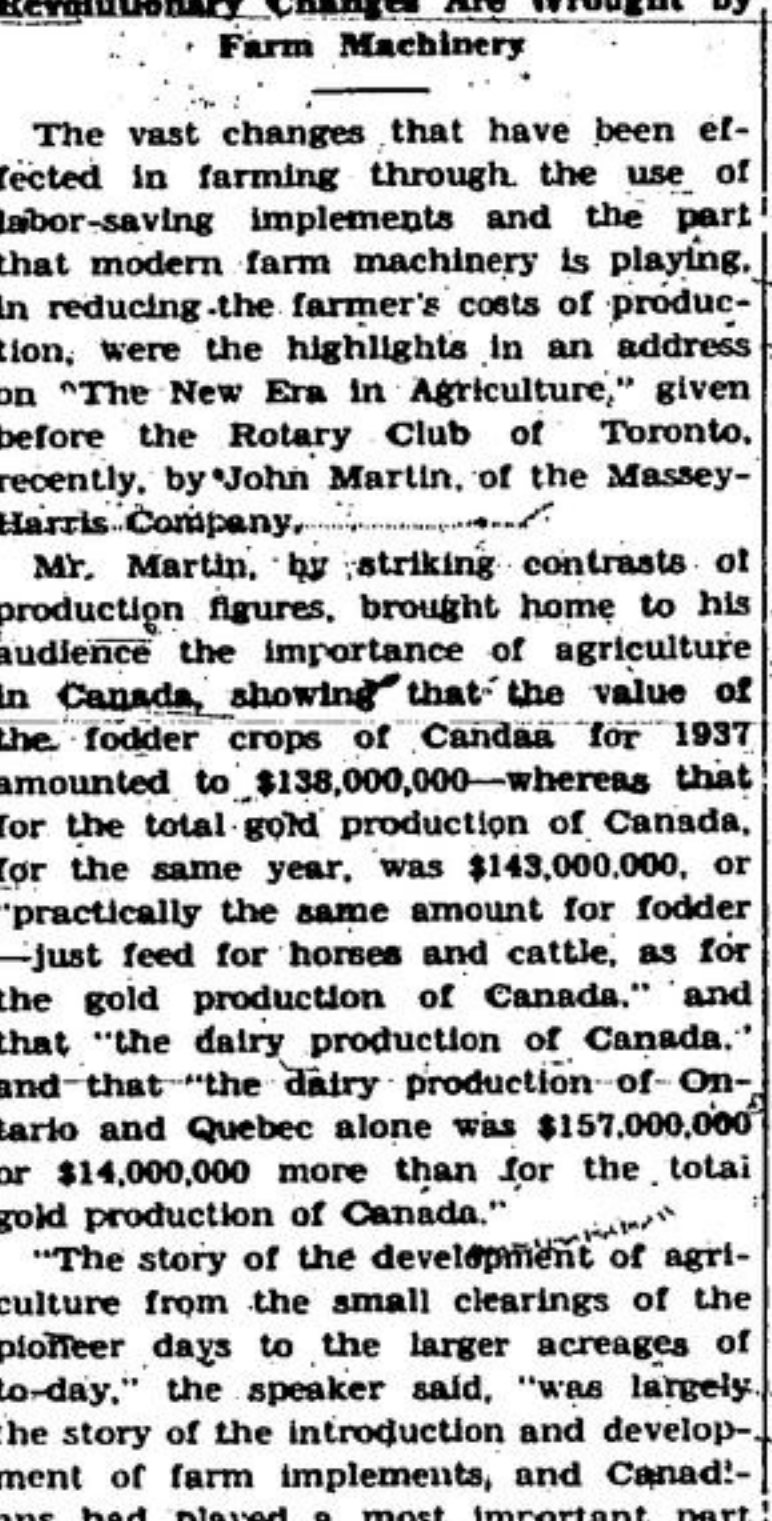
The Old Man

There, I didn't get much farther up the street this time after all; but I must close for this week.

Young Man - I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE!



Coast Guards Stage Rescue



Drama of the high seas is enacted as Stephen Campbell, stricken with abdominal ailment, is lifted aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Argo, 175 miles out, for dash to Boston, where he was treated. The seaman was removed from the fishing trawler Newton.

QUITE HOPELESS

Musketry Sergeant—What part is this (drawing his hand along the barrel of a rifle)? Rookie—The spout, sir.

NATURE AT WORK

Customer: "That chicken I bought yesterday had no wishbone." Butcher (smoothing): "It was a happy and contented chicken, madam, and had nothing to wish for."

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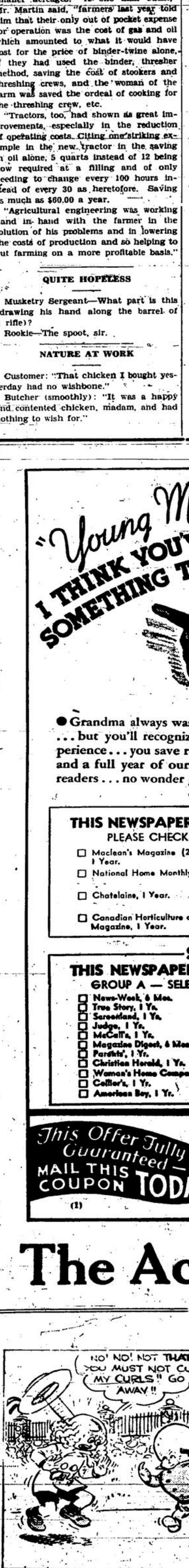
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